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20. ABSTRACT (Continue on reverse elde il necessary and identify by block number) This technical note contains sea-surface isotherm charts divided into geographi-						
cal sections for the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans as well as North American lakes and Hudson Bay. Each section is further divided into 12 monthly						
sets of charts, each set containing a maximum, mean, and minimum temperature						
chart (except for the Canadian lakes and Hudson Bay section, which only has a						
mean value). Also included is a table on approximate survival times of humans						
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FORWARD

The sea-surface isotherm charts in this publication came from the following sources:

- I. U.S. Navy Marine Climatic Atlas of the World
 - a. Vol I: North Atlantic Ocean (NAVAIR 50-1C-528) (Revised 1974)
 - b. Vol II: North Pacific Ocean (NAVAIR 50-1C-529) (Revised 1977)
 - c. Vol III: Indian Ocean (NAVAIR 50-1C-530) (Revised 1976)
 - d. Vol IV: South Atlantic Ocean (NAVAIR 50-1C-531) (Revised 1978)
 - e. Vol V: South Pacific Ocean (NAVAIR 50-1C-532) (Revised 1979)
- II. Summary of Synoptic Meteorological Observations for Great Lakes Area (National Climatic Center), January 1975
- III. Utah State University Climatology Department
- IV. United States Air Force Environmental Technical Applications Center (MAC)

These charts are grouped into the following geographical sections:

- I. North Atlantic Ocean
- II. North Pacific Ocean
- III. Indian Ocean

- IV. South Atlantic Ocean
- V. South Pacific Ocean
- VI. Great Lakes and Great Salt Lake
- VII. Canadian Lakes and Bays

Each geographical section consists of 12 monthly sets of temperature charts. Each monthly set contains 3 charts, except for the Canadian Lakes and Bays section. The first chart of each month is the maximum temperature chart. The maximum temperature is that value in which I percent of the temperatures recorded for that location were greater than the given value. The second chart is the mean temperature chart. The last chart is the minimum temperature chart. Its value is that value in which I percent of the temperatures recorded for that location were less than the given value. For the Canadian Lakes and Bays section, only mean temperature charts are provided.

INTRODUCTION

This technical note was prepared with all the data currently available to AWS. The majority of the data (that for the oceans) came from the five Navy publications listed in the forward. The USAF Environmental Technical Applications Center, through various sources, obtained the rest of the data in this publication. We were unable to obtain data on non-North American lakes, such as the Caspian Sea and the Aral Sea, USSR. Data on Lake Victoria, Africa, was available, but the temperature of the lake will always be high enough not to present any hazard due to its equatorial location.

OCEANIC CHARTS

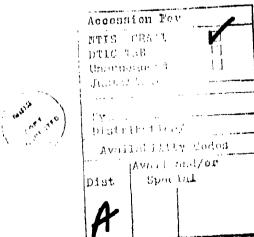
Sea-surface temperature is recorded with a fairly high frequency in marine observations. The various methods of recording (bucket versus intake, etc.) have been combined for these charts. In data sparse regions, satellite data were used for guidance. In addition, all data associated with oceanographic hydrocast and bathythermograph samples (expendable and otherwise) were included. The various methods of recording, however, tend to decrease the reliability of the individual values. Gradients and relative values are considered to be reliable.

The 1% and 99% isopleths give estimates of the extremes that may be encountered at any location. Use the extreme values, especially the minimum values, in all your seasurface temperature determinations - the actual temperature can be anywhere between the extremes. In rare occasions, the actual values could exceed the extremes. These isopleth analyses of the sea-surface temperatures are based on all available data subjectively adjusted where bias was evident.

LAKES AND HUDSON BAY CHARTS

Some of the lakes are small enough to have only one temperature for the entire lake (that is, no isopleths). The Great Lakes and Hudson Bay, however, are large enough to contain isopleths, even though the gradients could be small. The isopleths for these bodies of water were subjectively determined and interpolated from various data sources.

An important fact to remember about water temperatures (and lake temperatures in particular) is that land heats and cools faster than water. This effect can be seen in the Great Lakes. During the summer, the land heats faster than the water, causing water temperature gradients to increase toward land (i.e., the coolest part of a lake in summer is that part farthest from the surrounding land). During the winter, the reverse is true temperature gradients decrease towards land and the warmest part of the lake is that part farthest from the shore.





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APPROXIMATE SURVIVAL TIMES AND TEMPERATURE CONVERSIONS

Approximate Survival Times

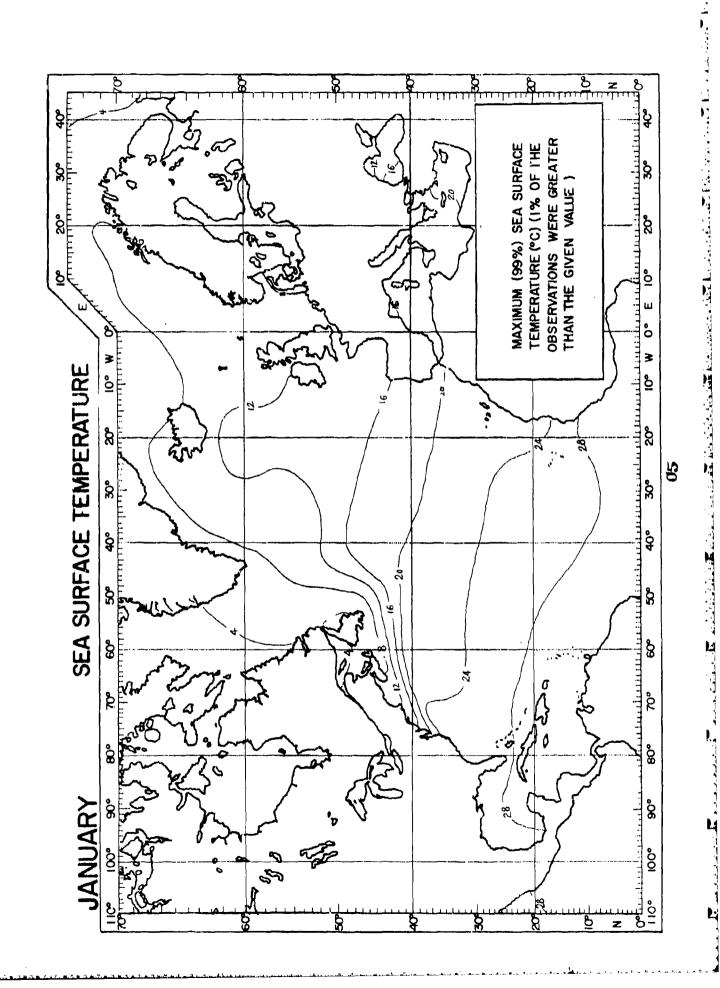
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0 - 5	15 - 30 min	30 - 90 min	
5 - 10	30 - 60 min	1 - 3 hrs	
10 - 15	1 - 2 hrs	1 - 6 hrs	
15 - 20	2 - 7 hrs	2 - 40 hrs	
20 - 25	3 - 12 hrs	3 - Indef hrs	
> 25	Indef	Indef	

Water temperature can be used to estimate the approximate time a person in ordinary clothes and life preserver may be expected to survive in the water. (Source: US Navy Marine Climatic Atlas of the World: Vol. III, Indian Ocean)

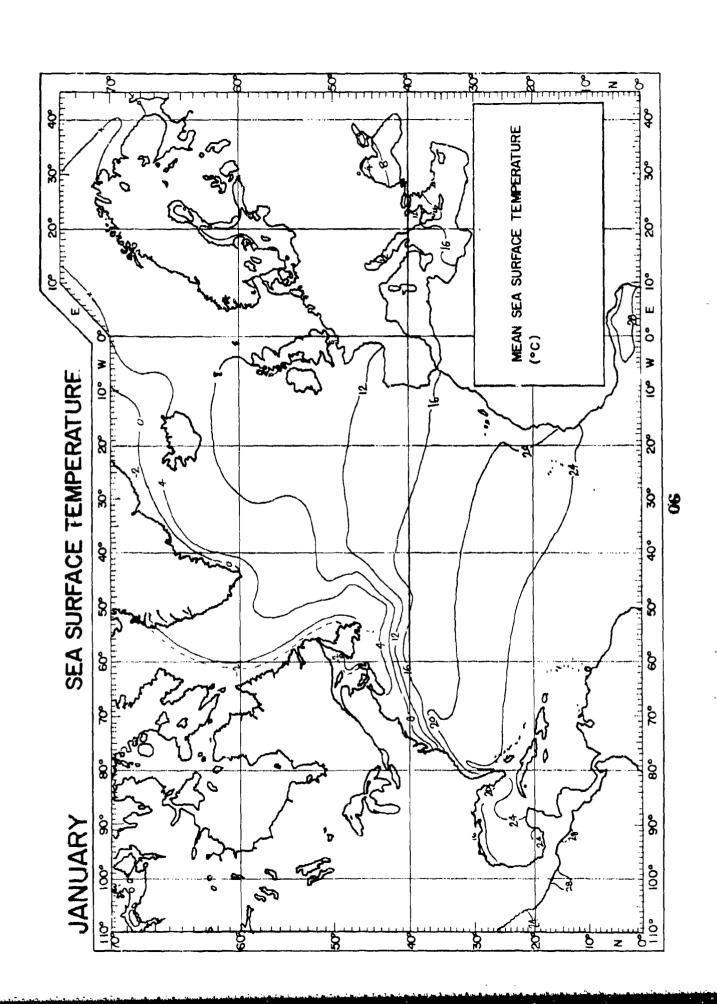
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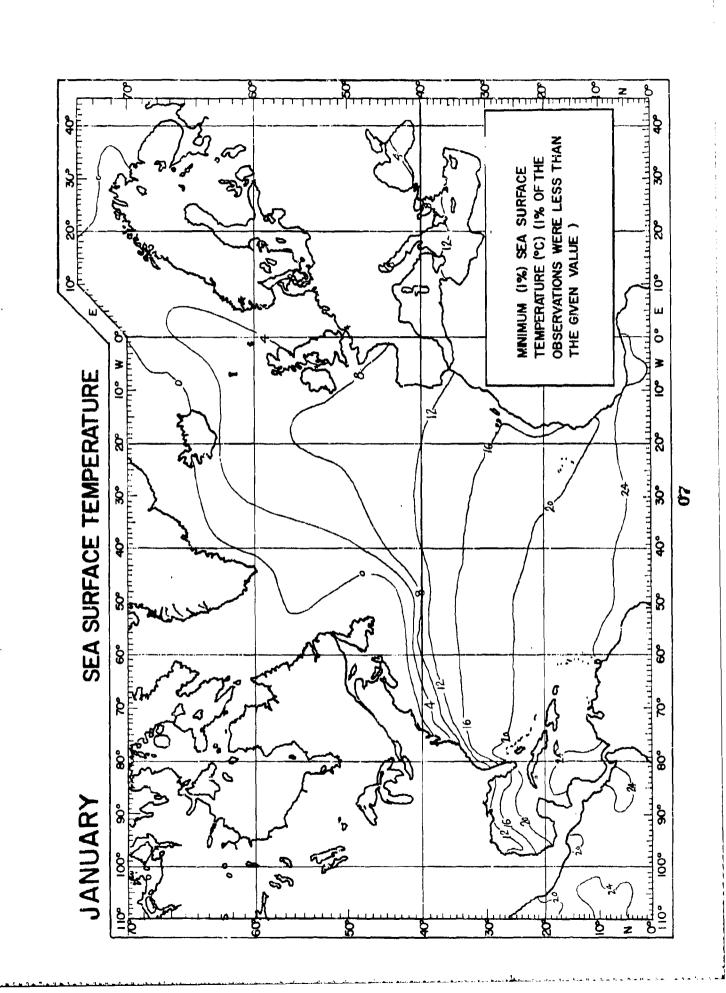
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- 10	14.0	1	33.8	12	<i>5</i> 3.6	23	73.4
- 9	15.8	2	35.6	13	55.4	24	75.2
- 8	17.6	3	37.4	14	57.2	25	77.0
- 7	19.4	4	39.2	15	<i>5</i> 9.0	26	78.8
- 6	21.2	5	41.0	16	60.8	27	80.6
- 5	23.0	6	42.8	17	62.6	28	82.4
- 4	24.8	7	44.6	18	64.4	29	84.2
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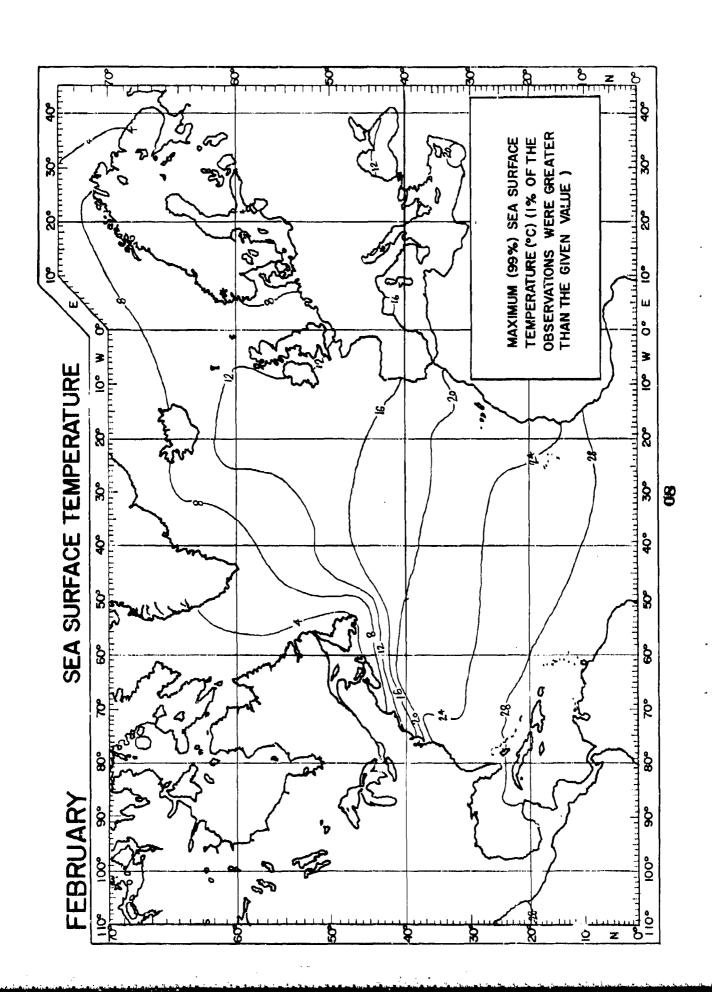
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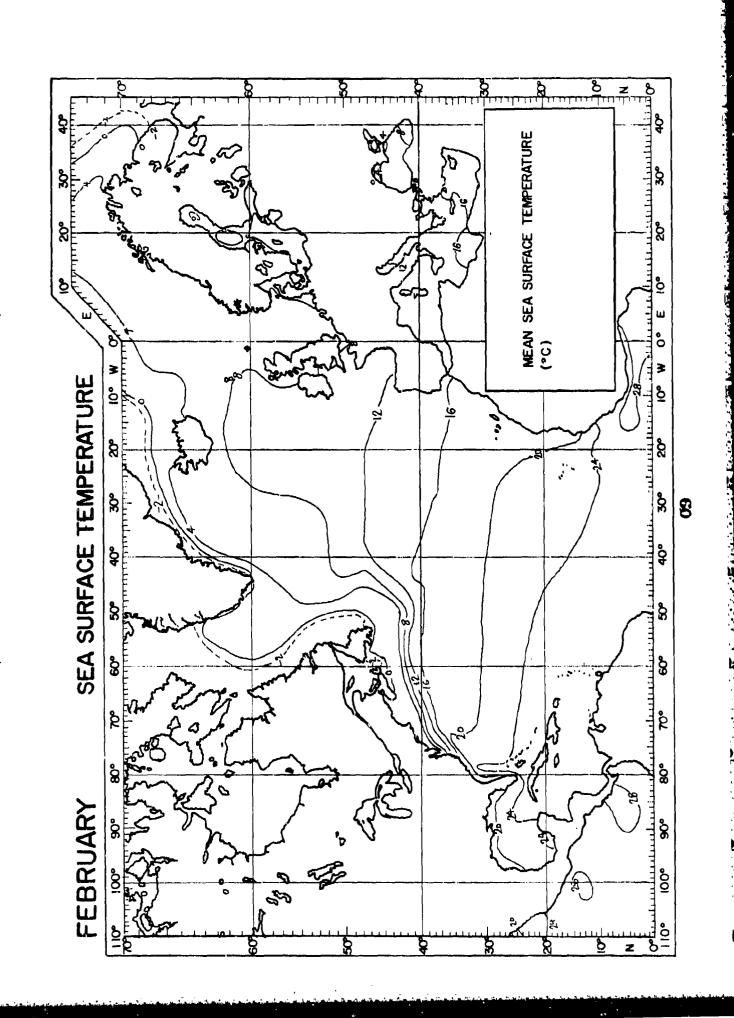


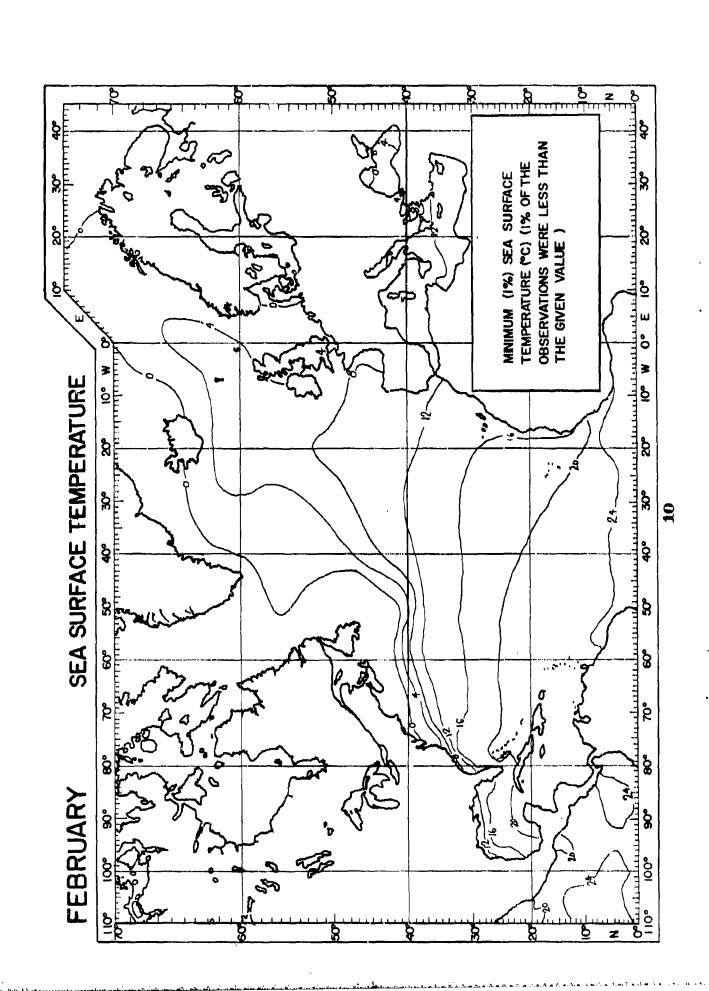
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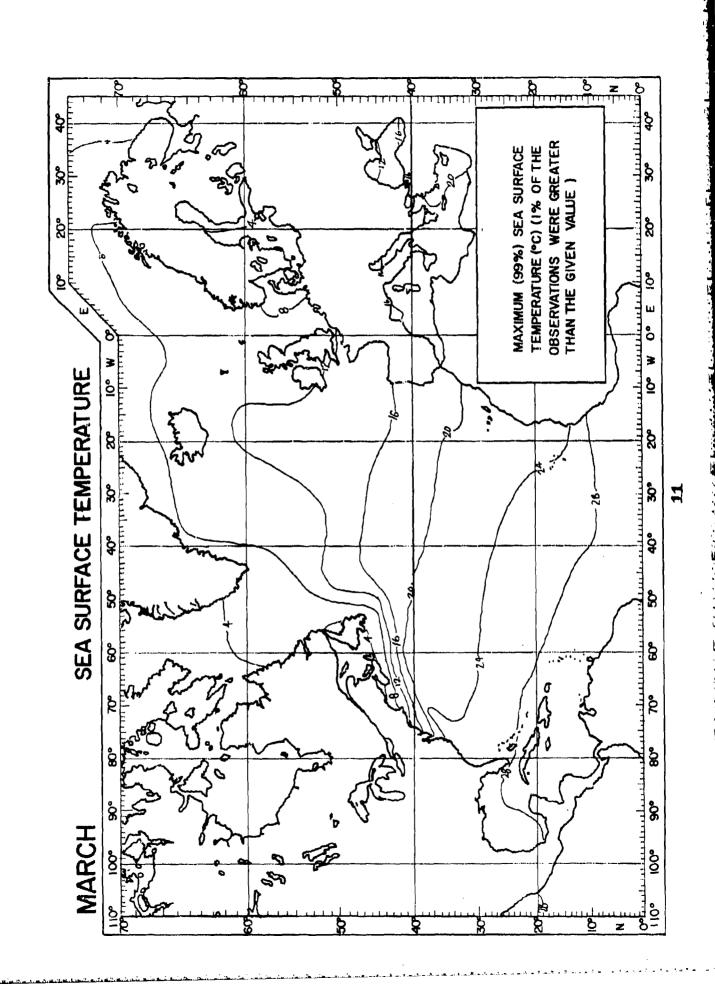


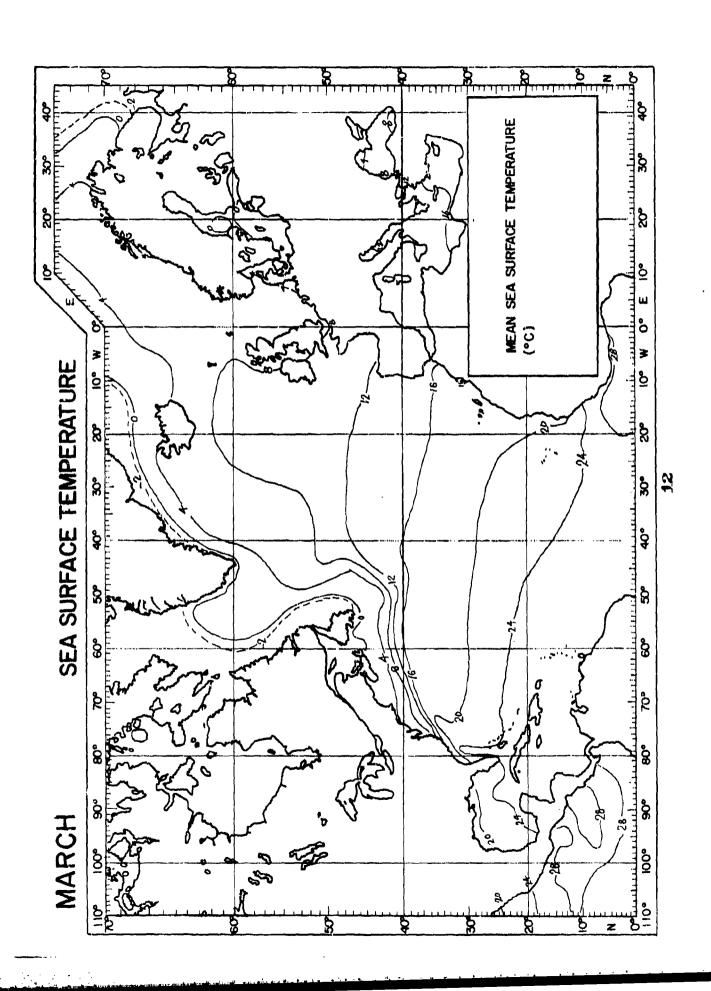


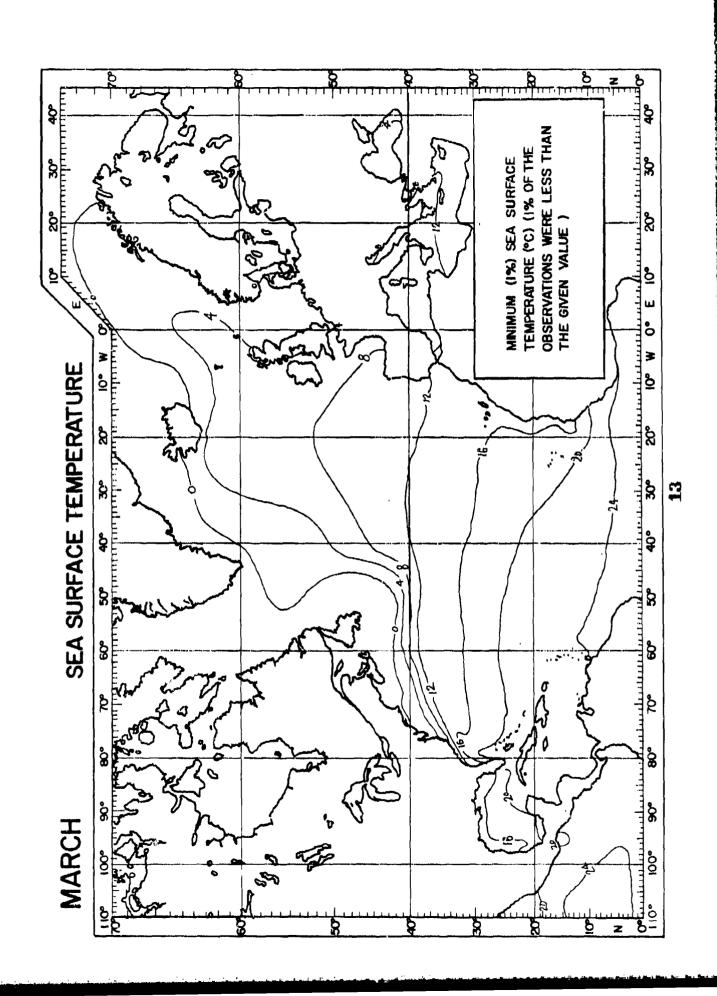


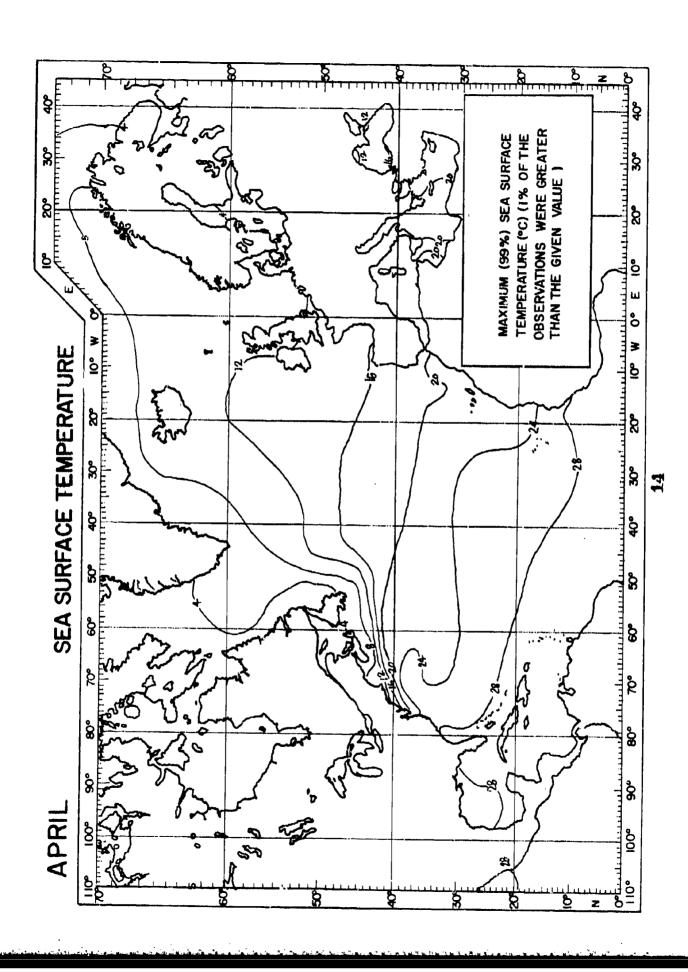


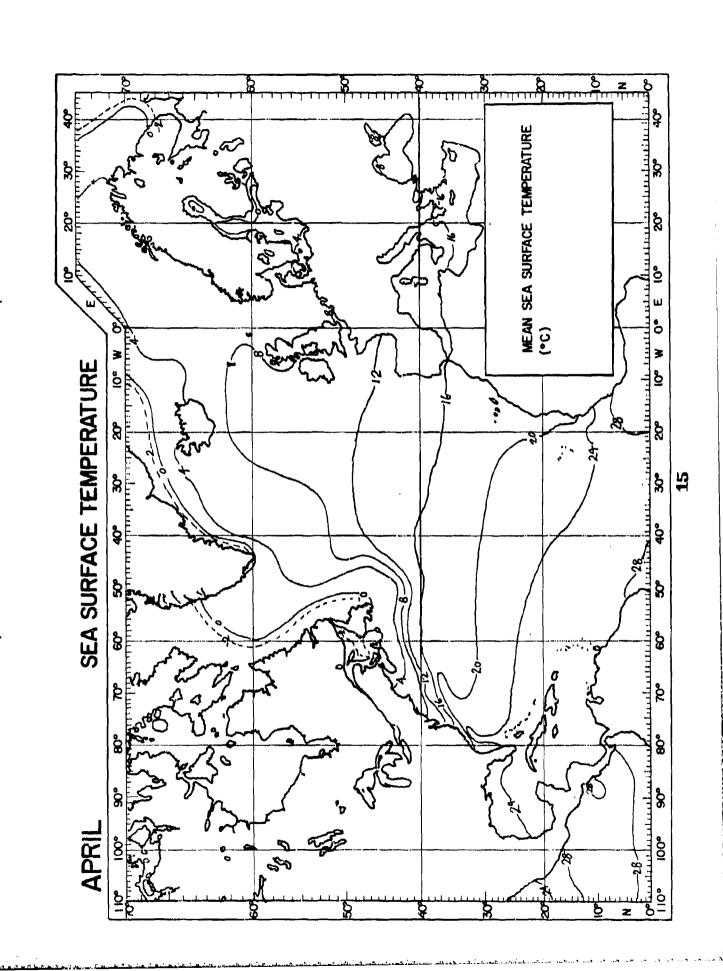


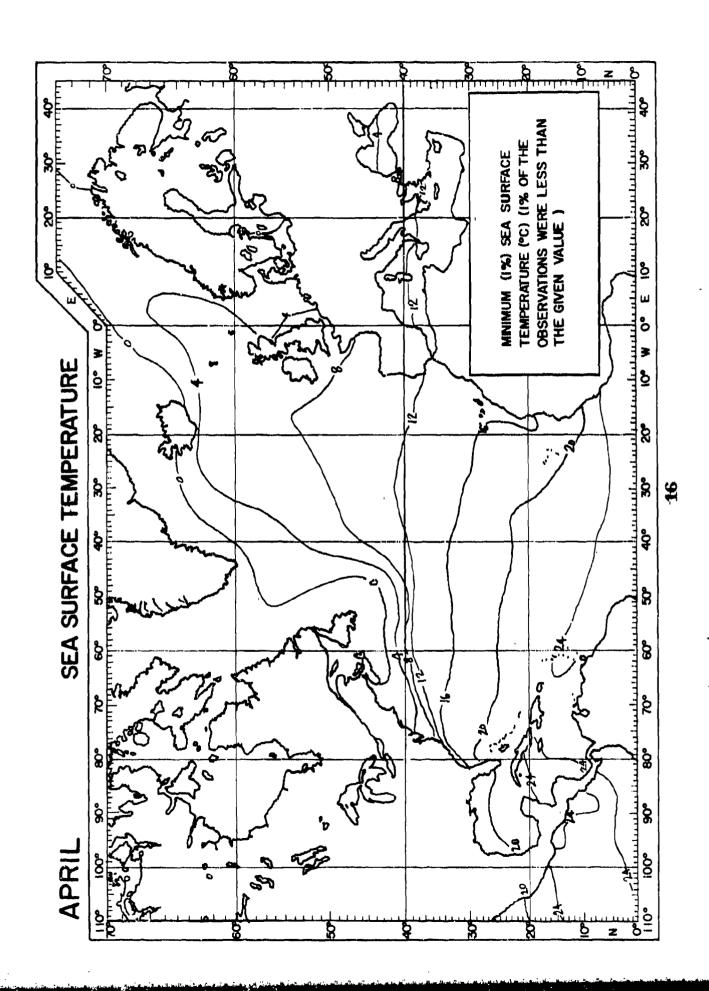


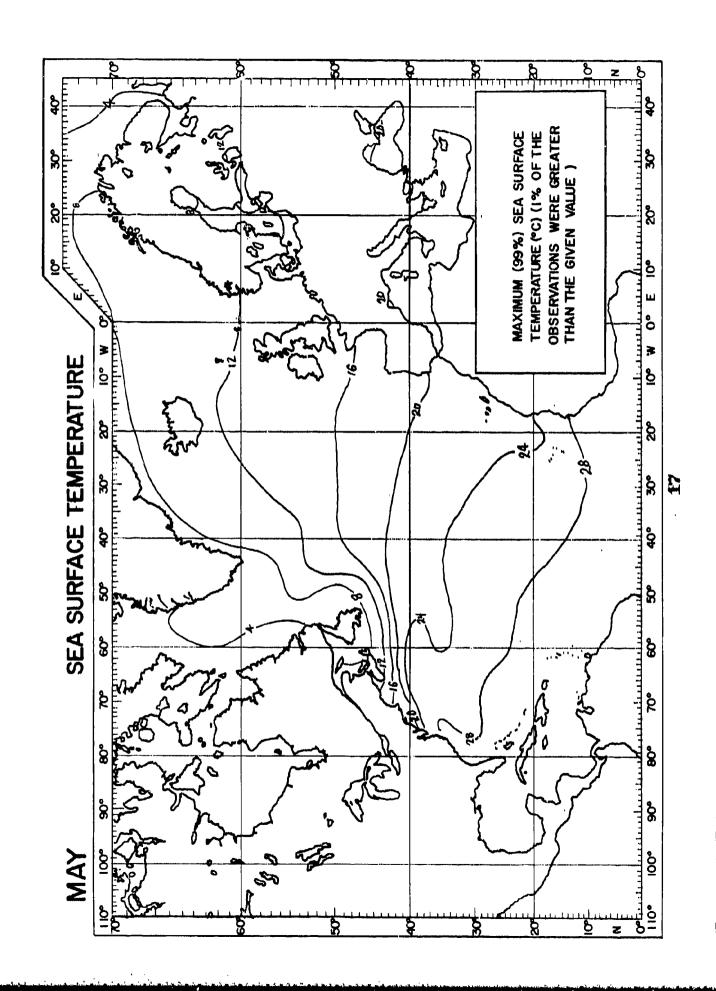


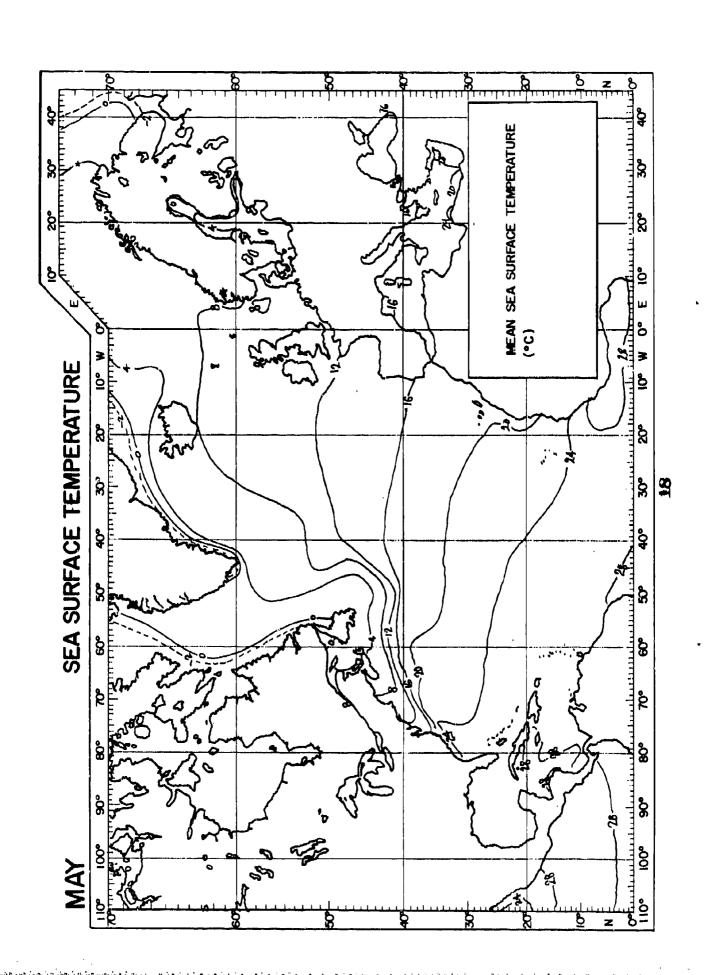




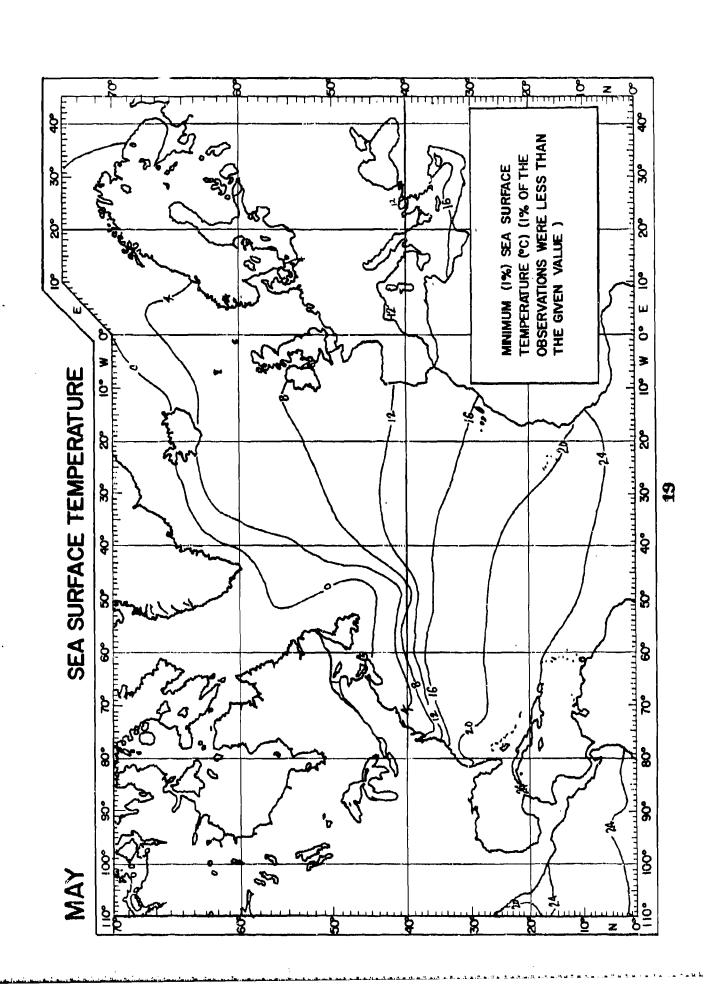


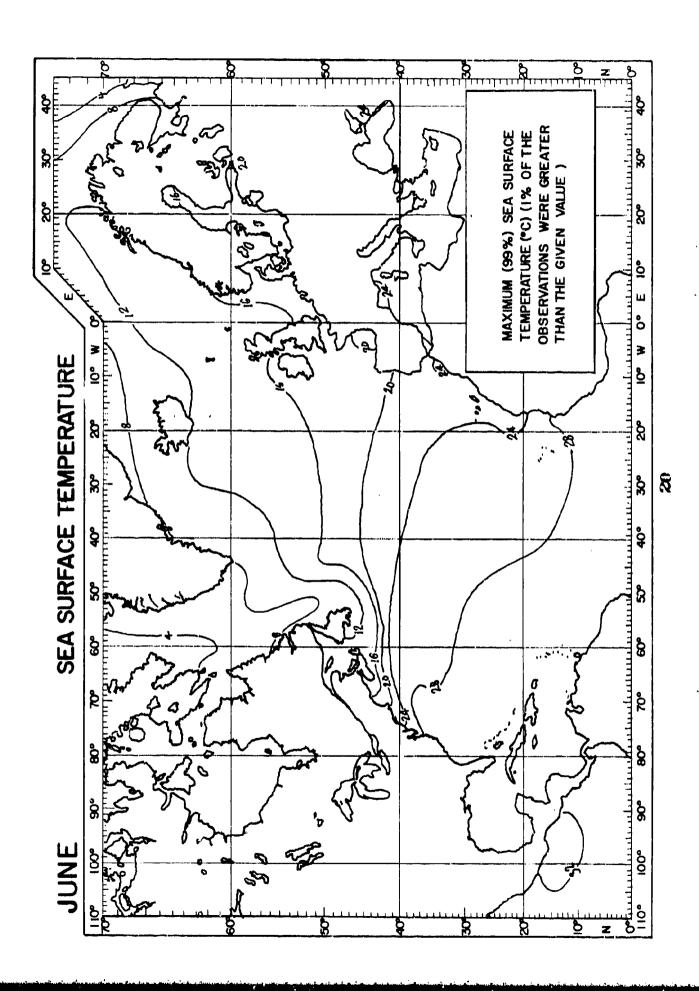


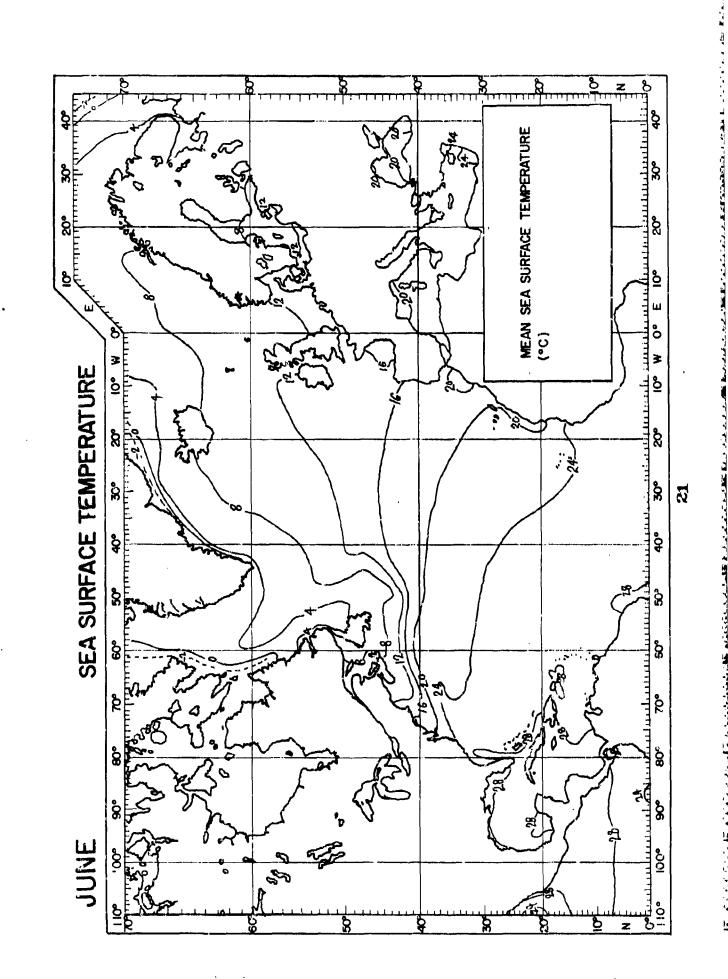


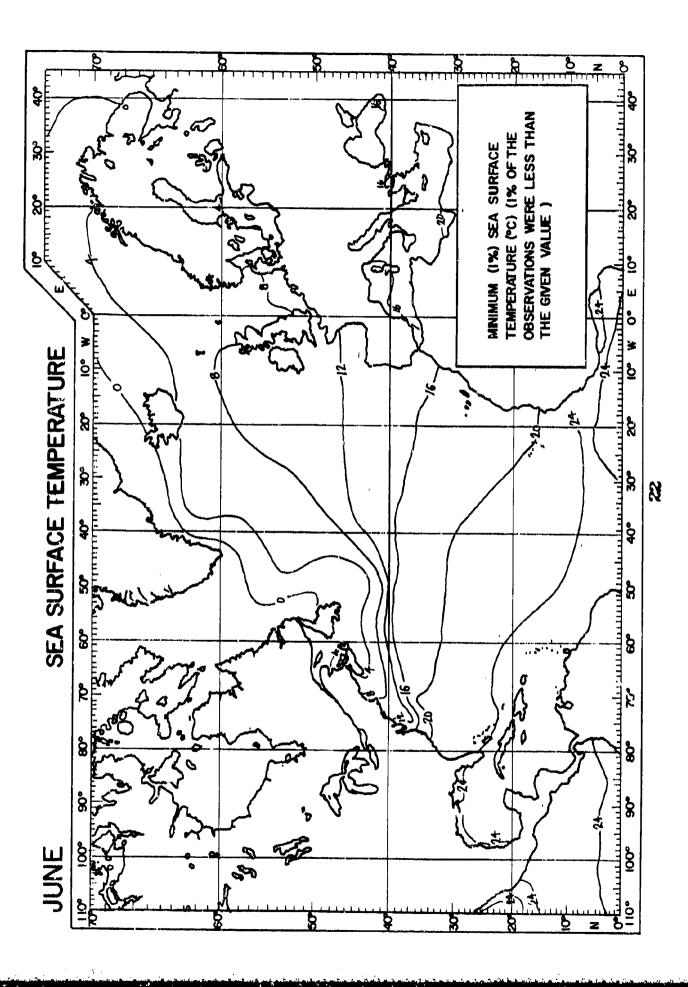


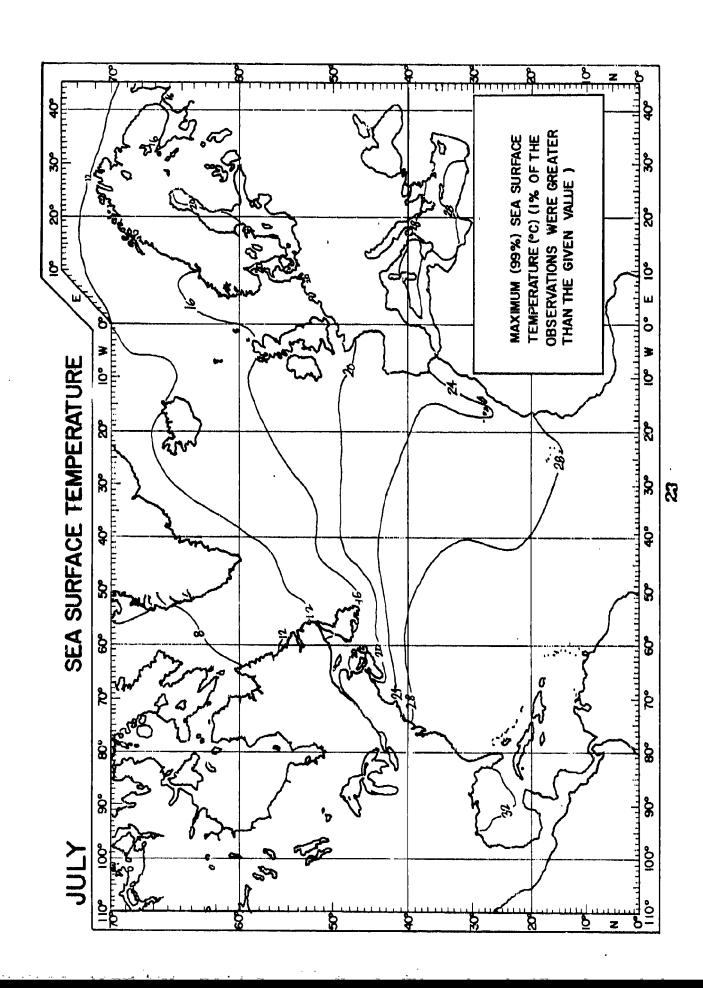
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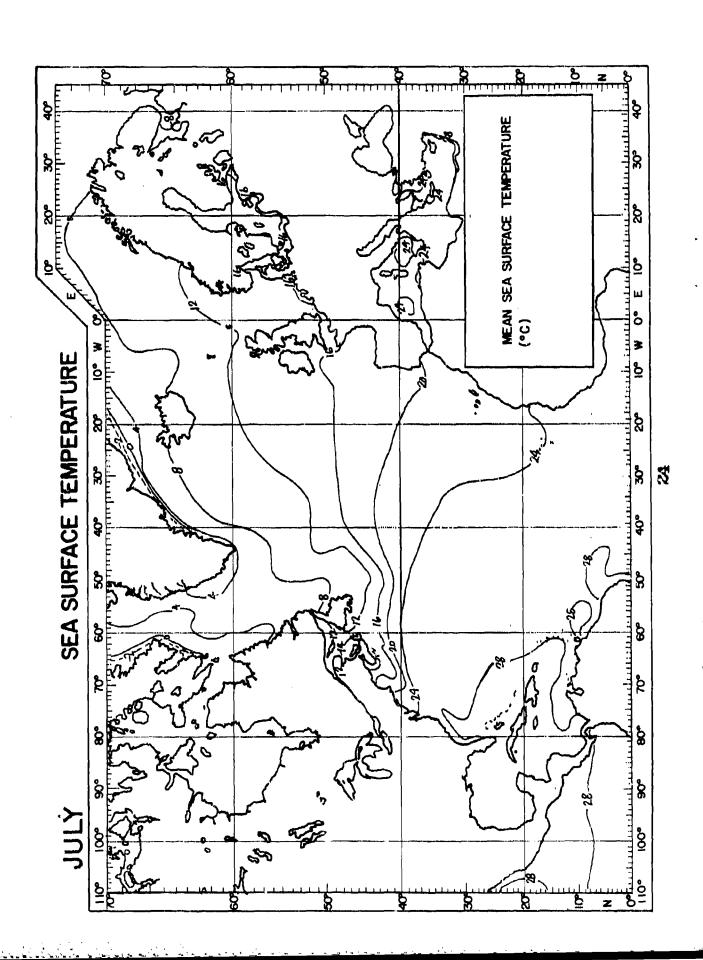


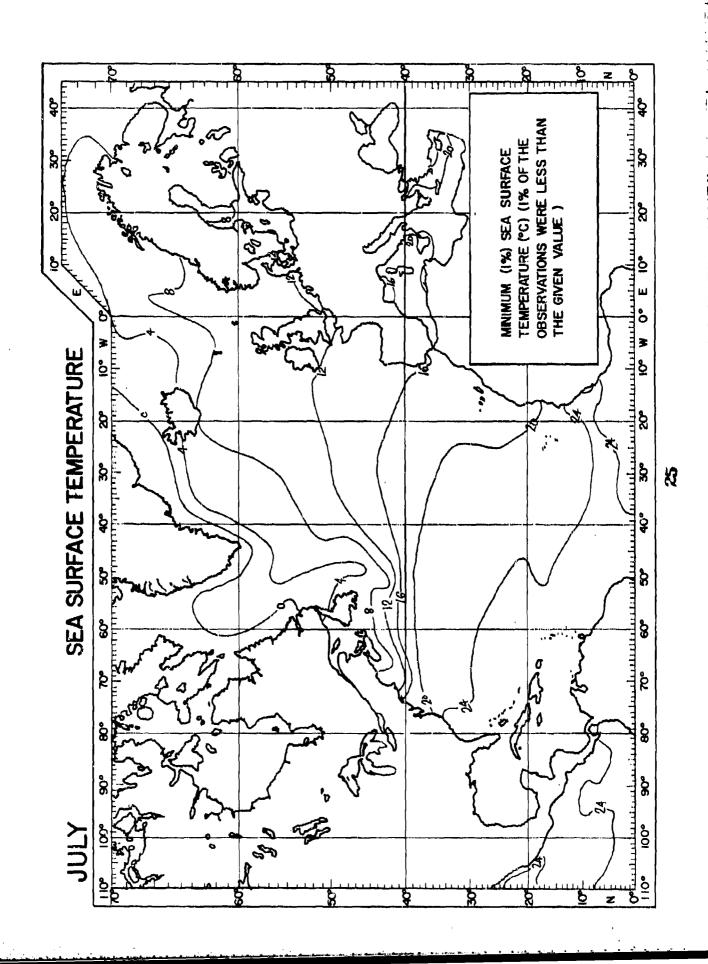


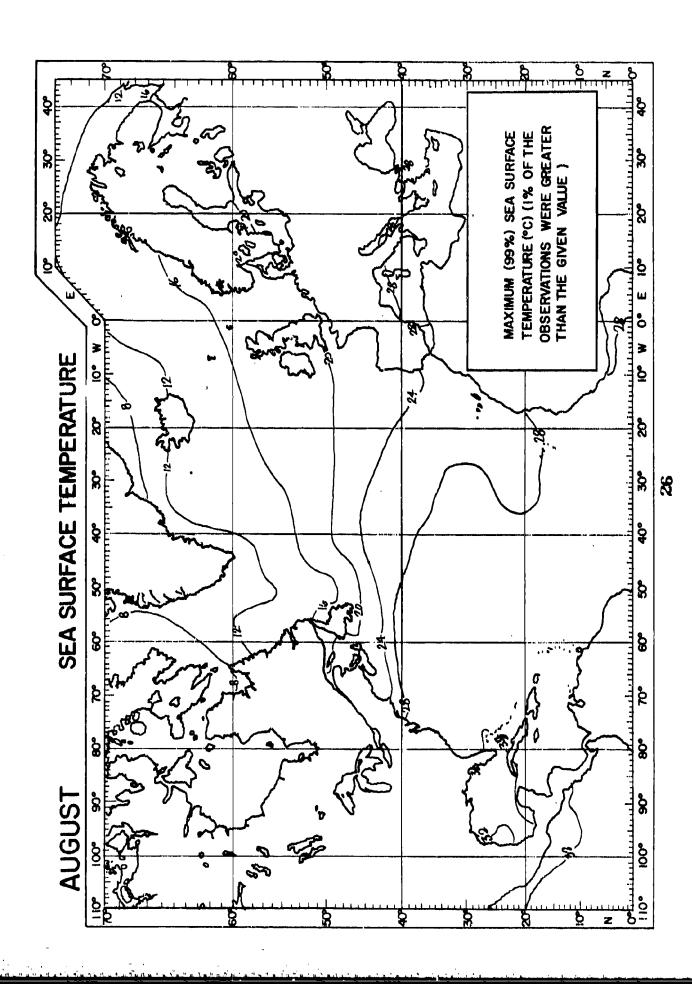


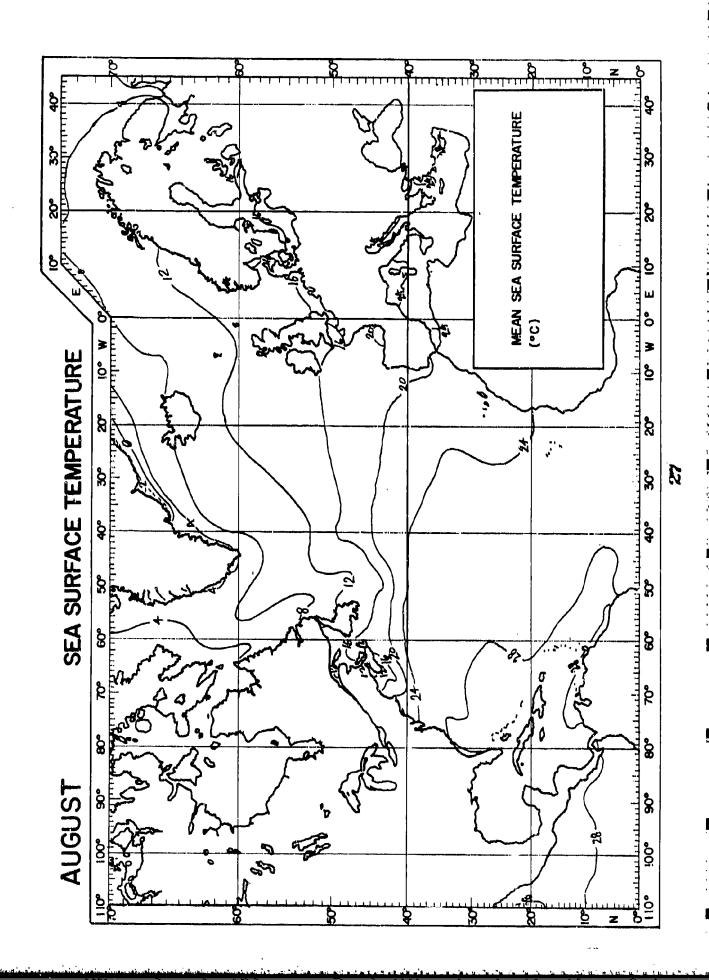


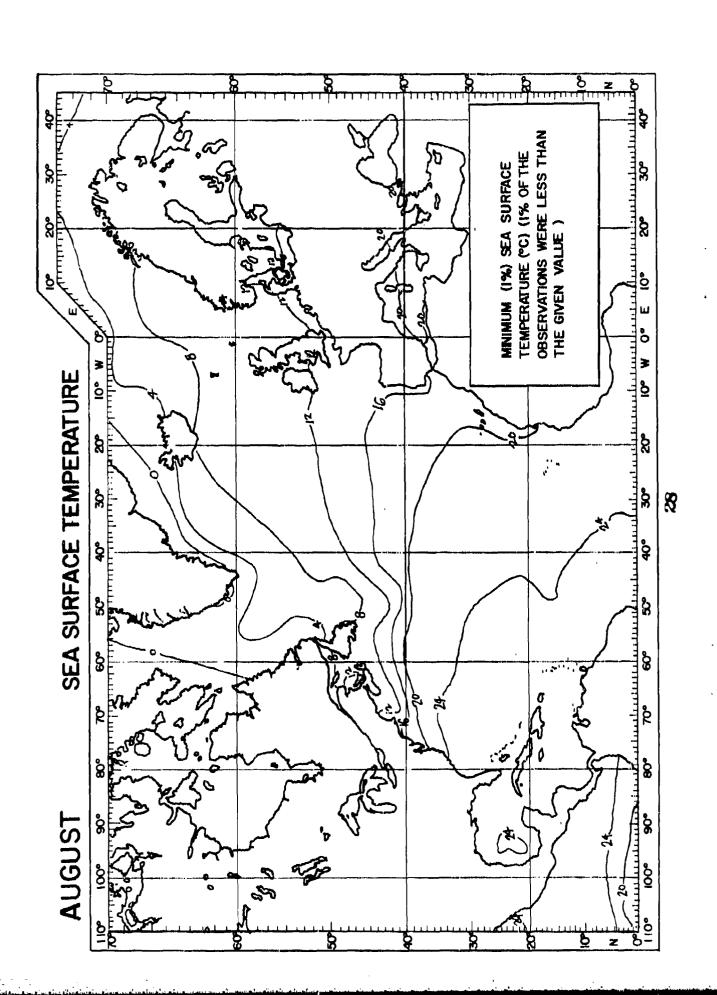




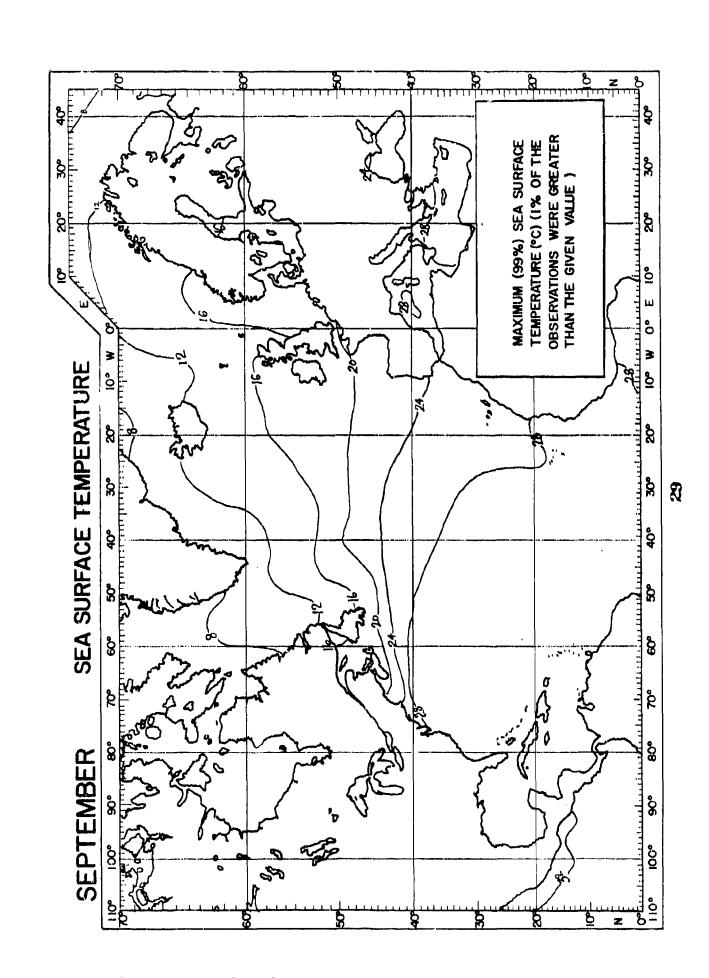


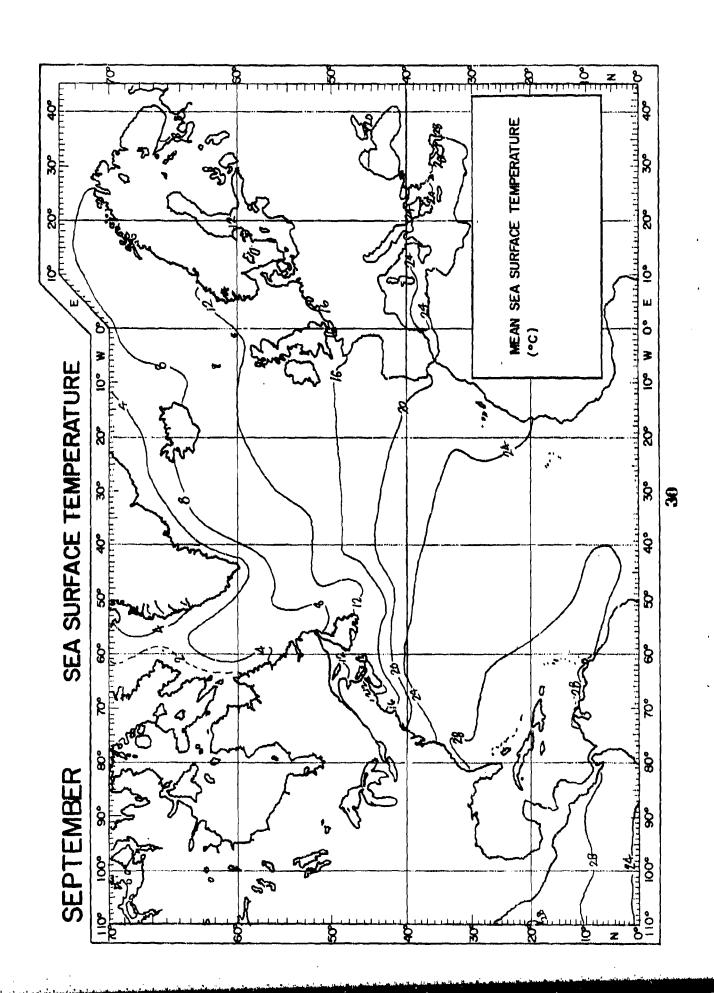


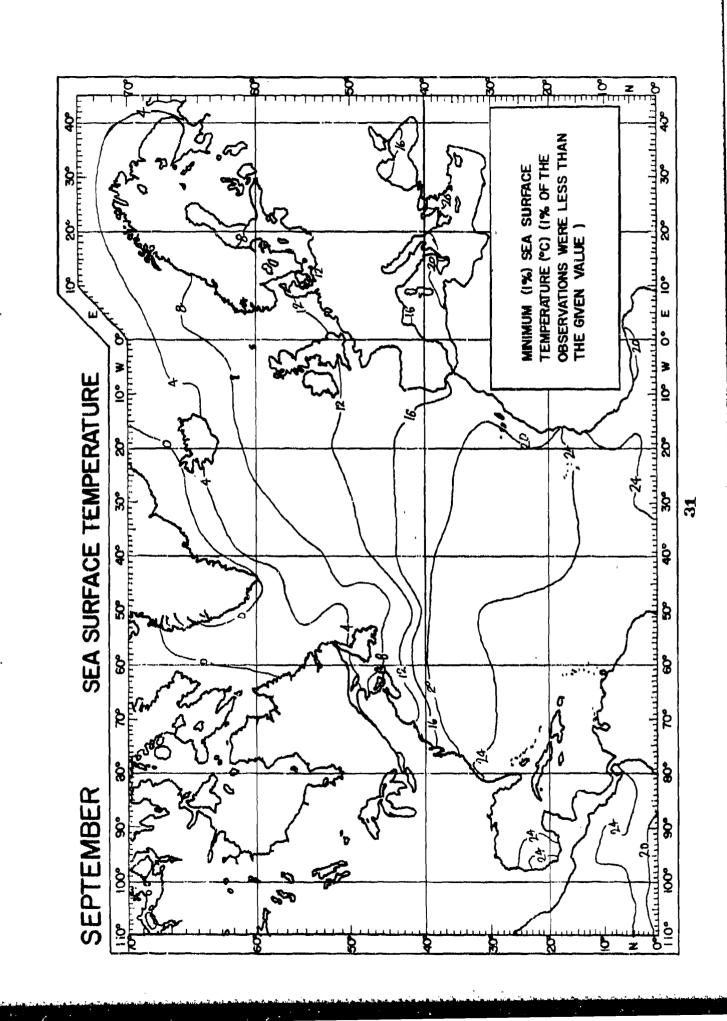


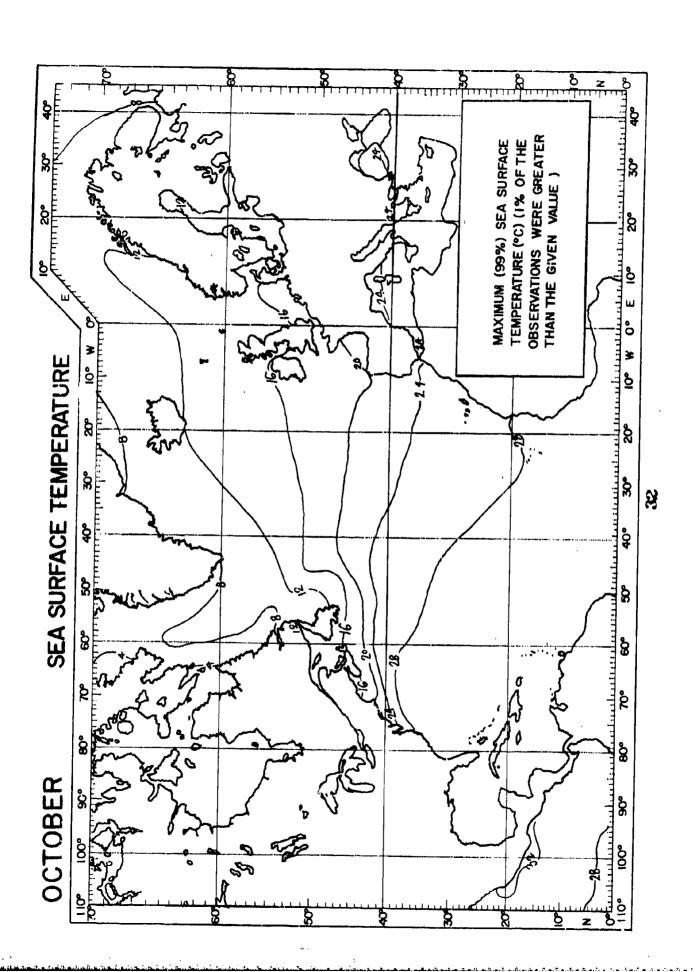


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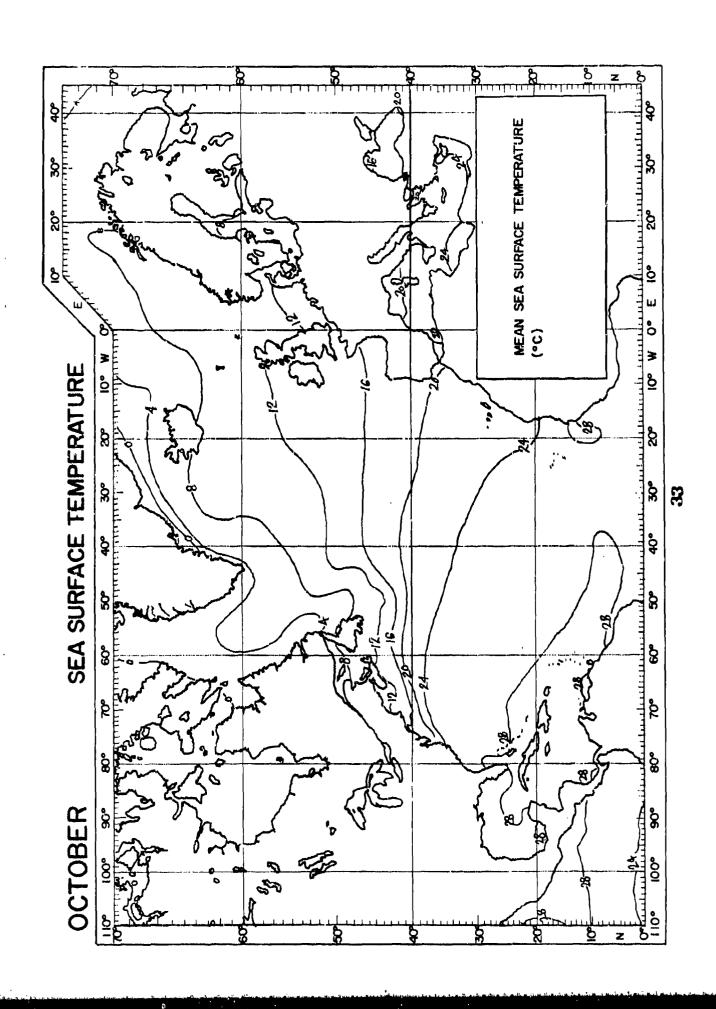


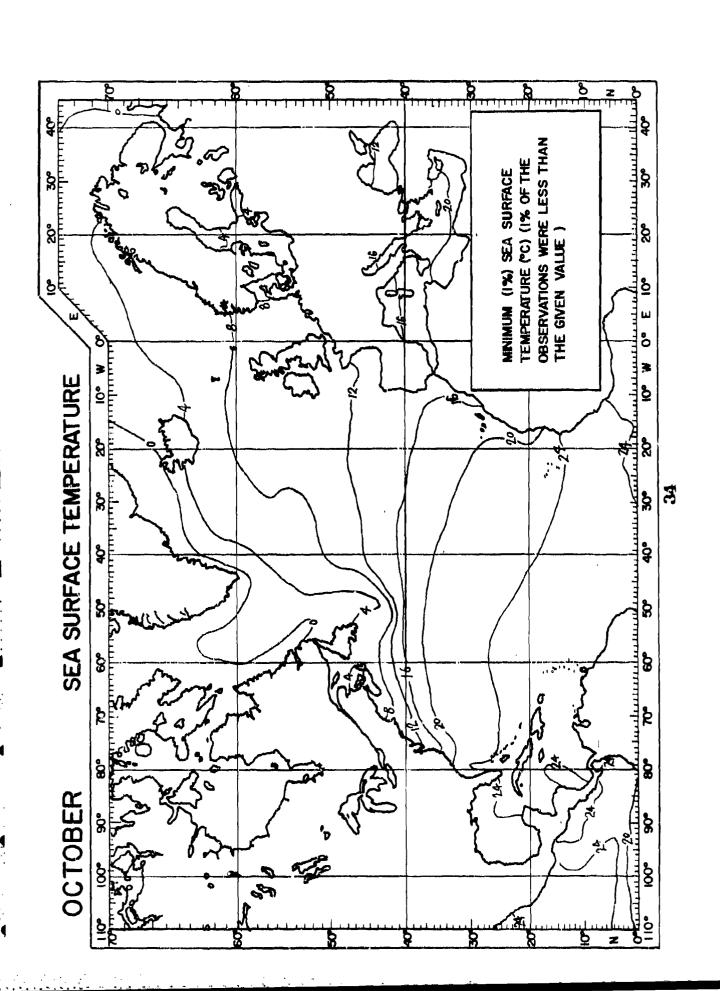


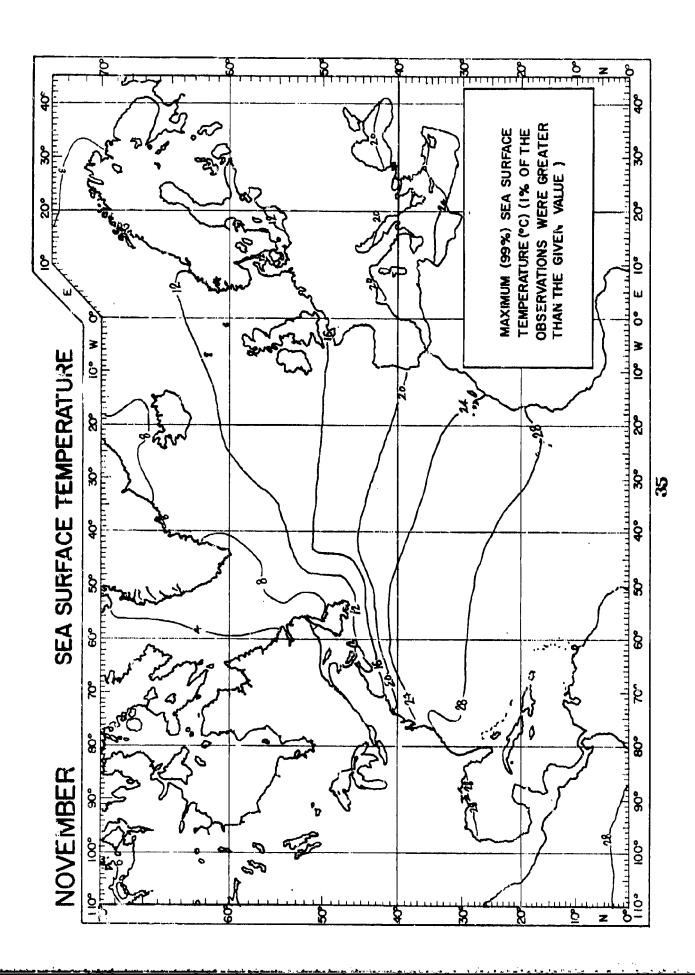


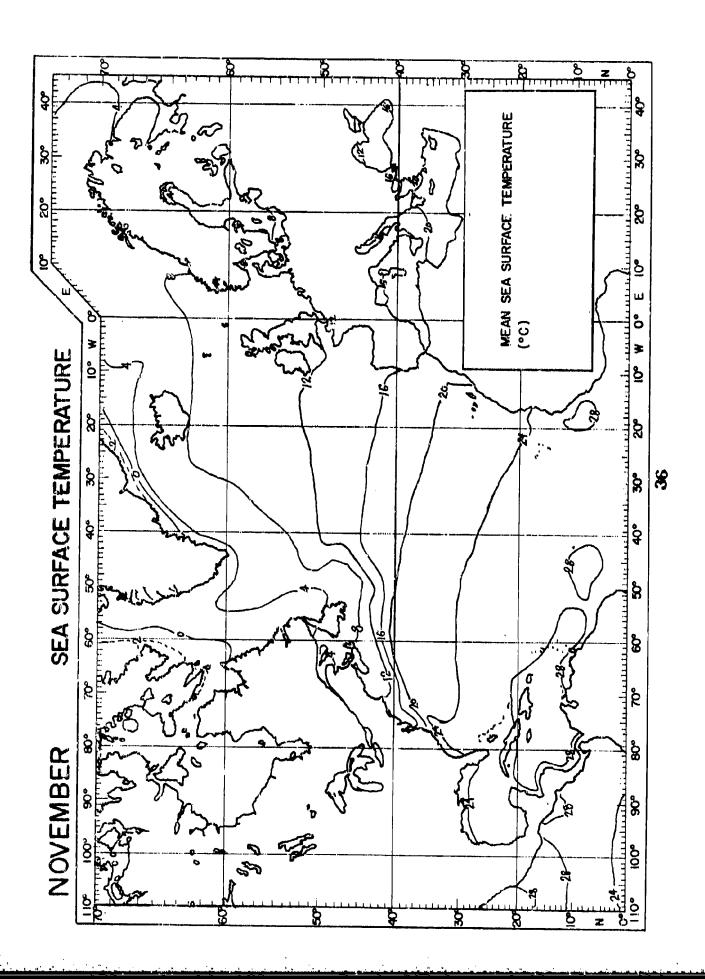


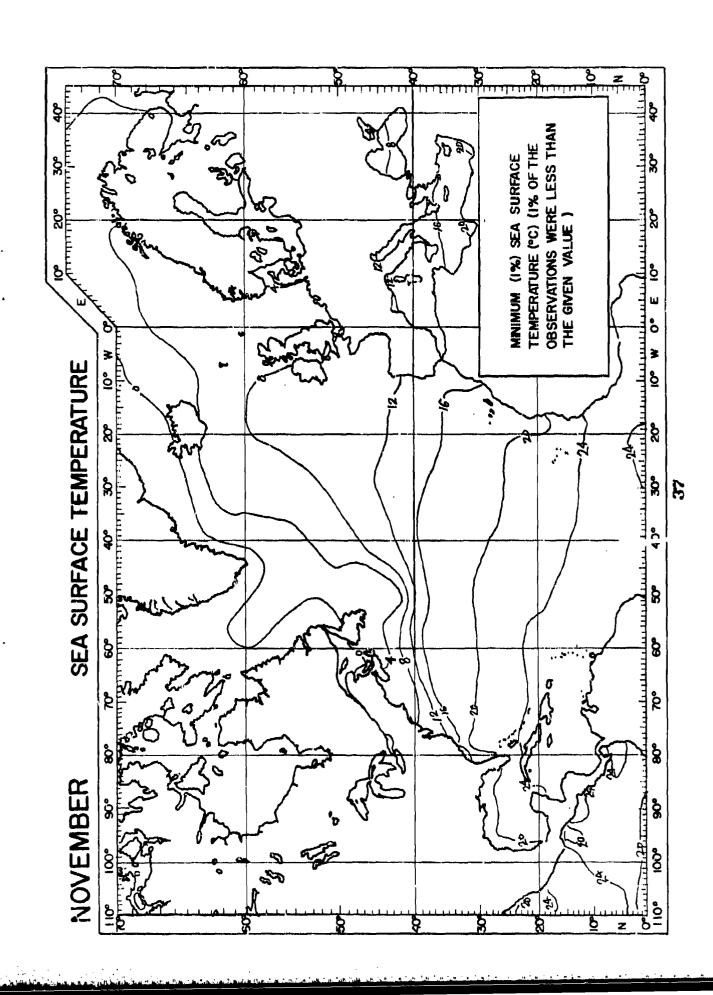
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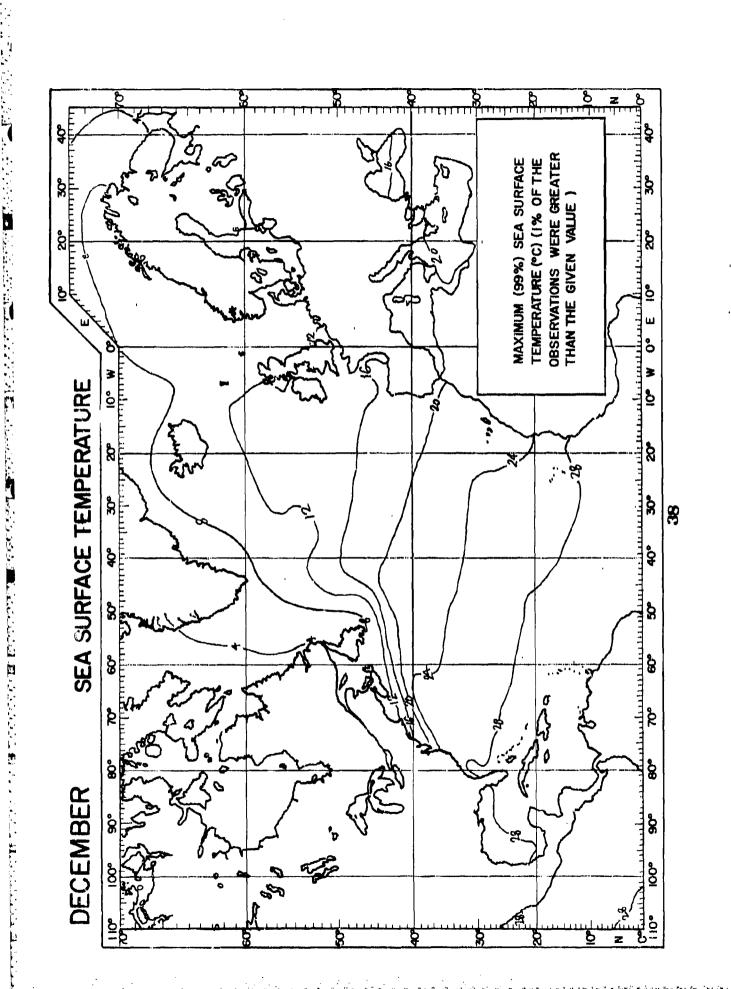


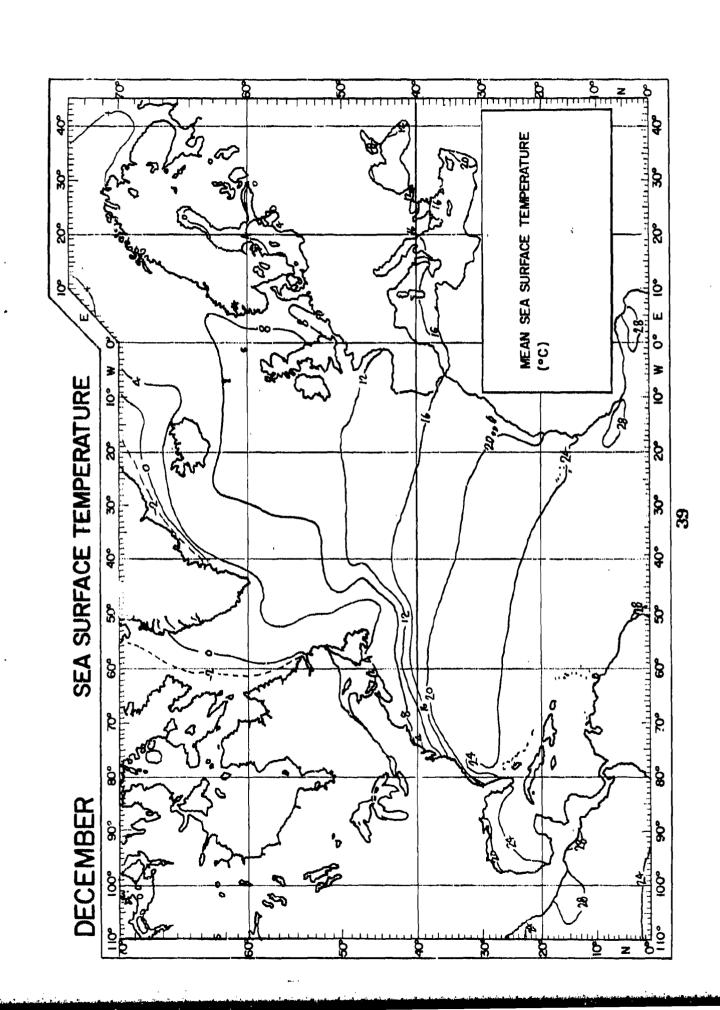


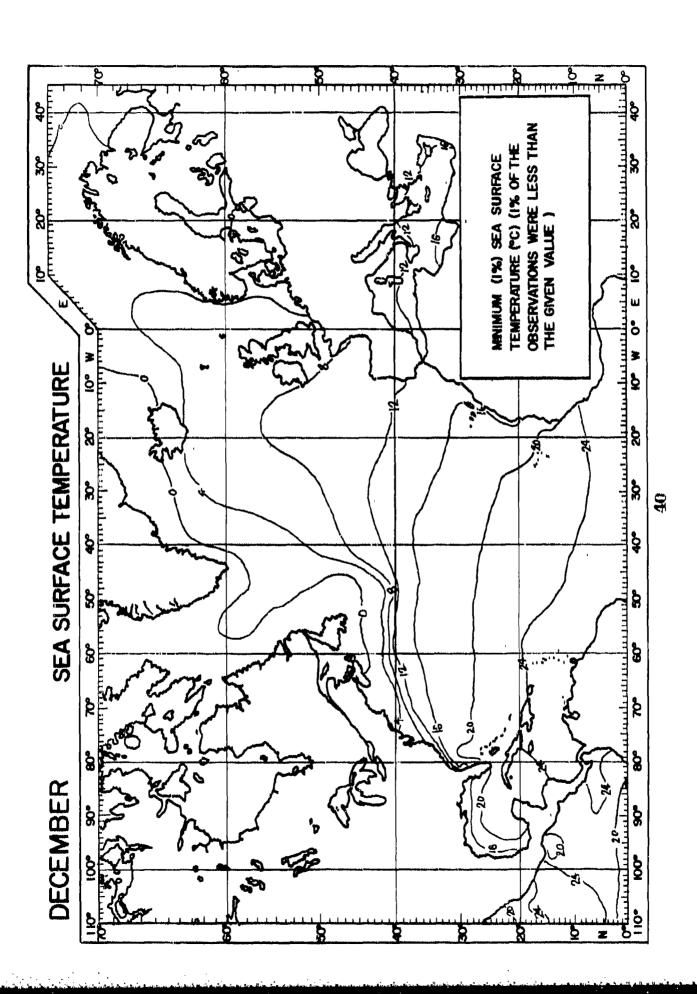




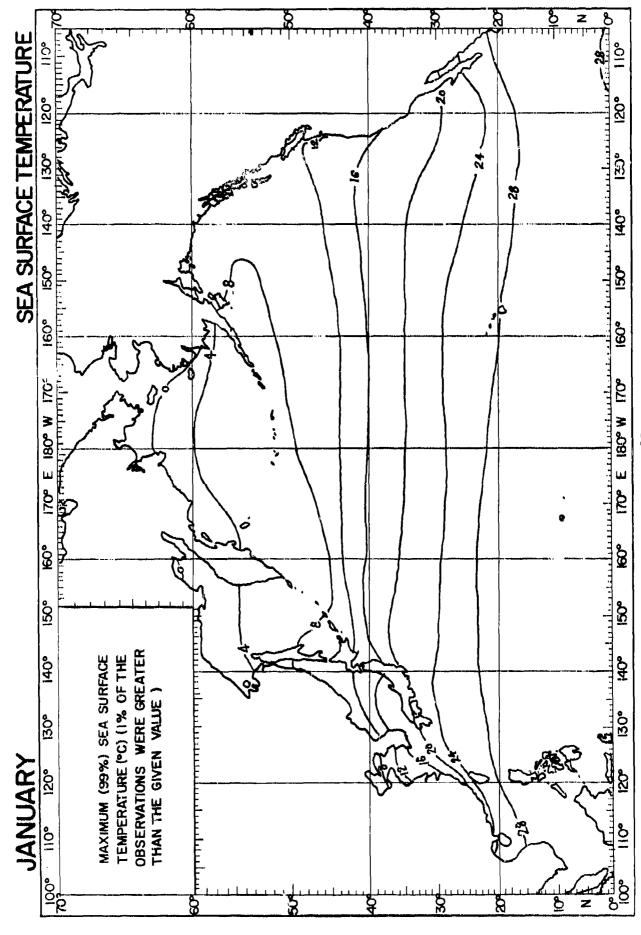


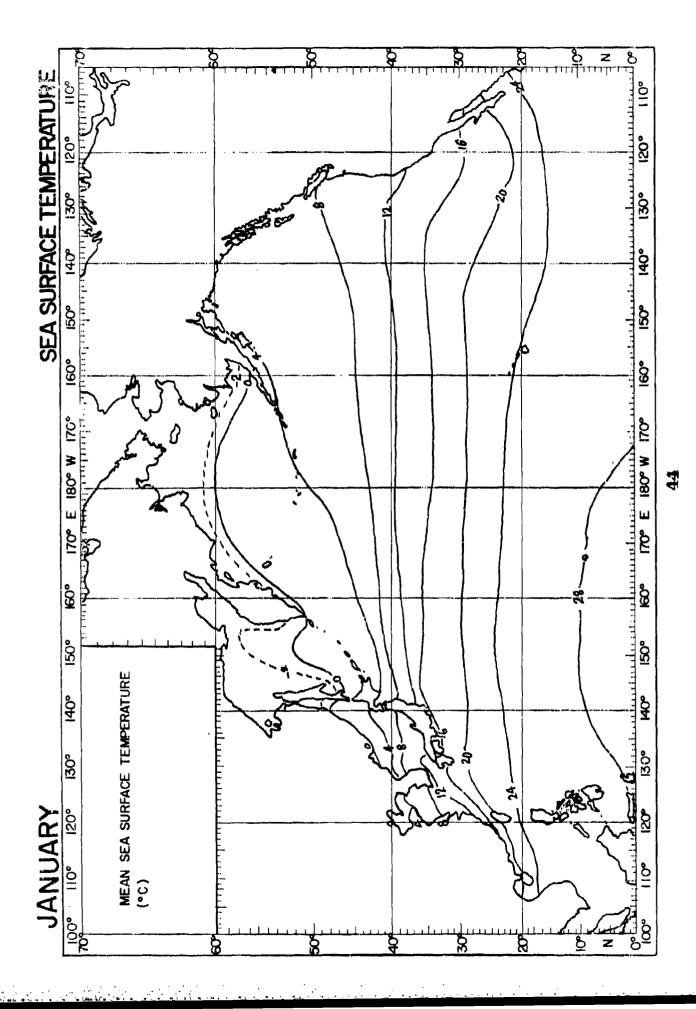


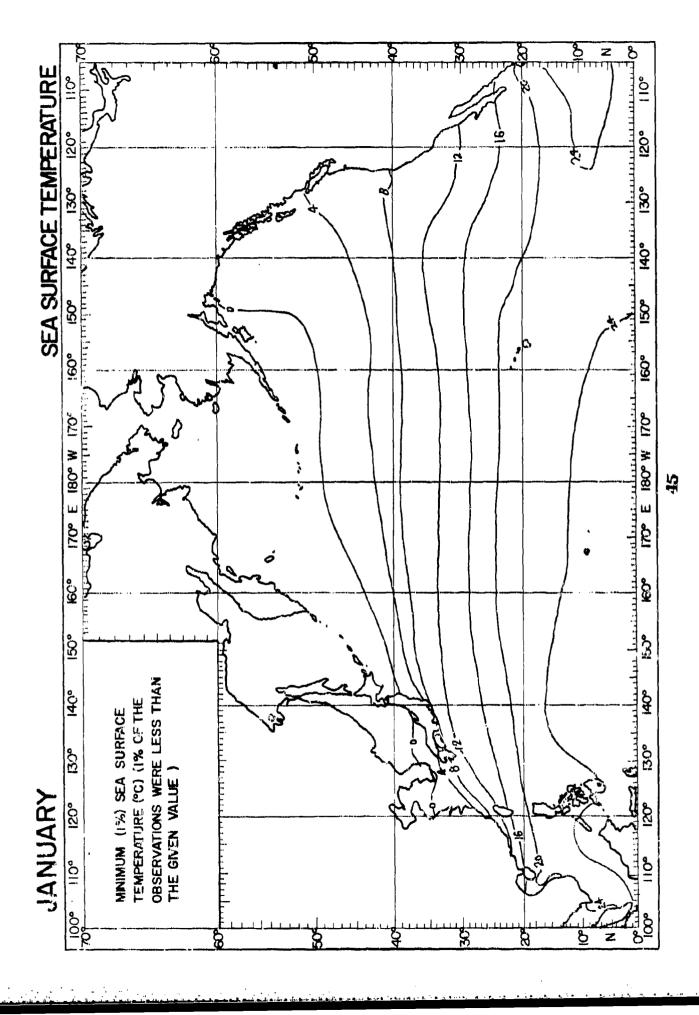


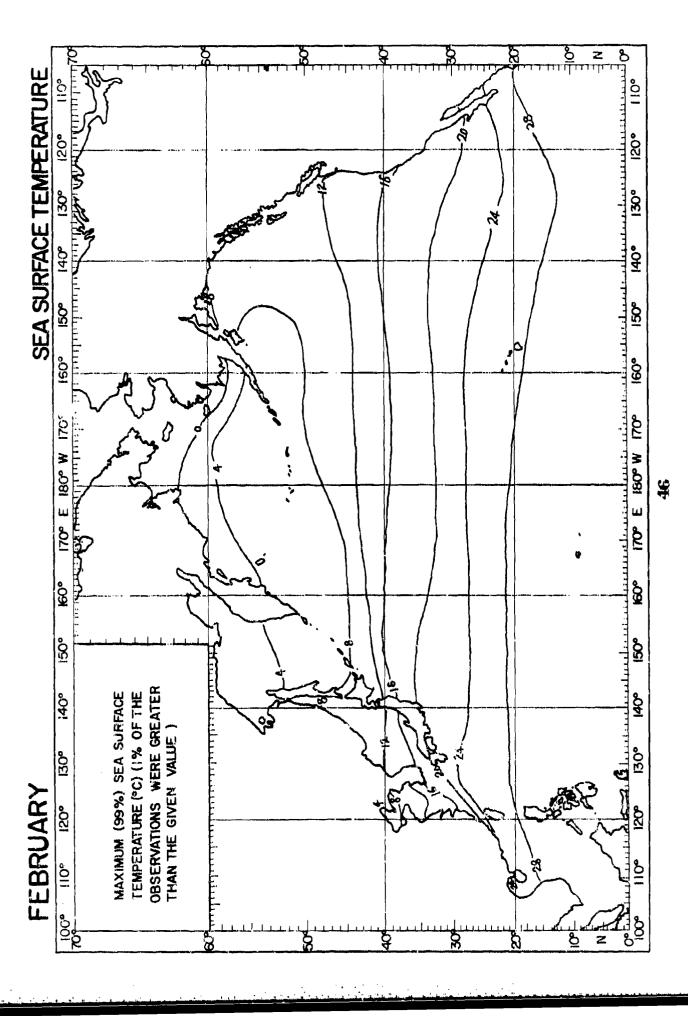


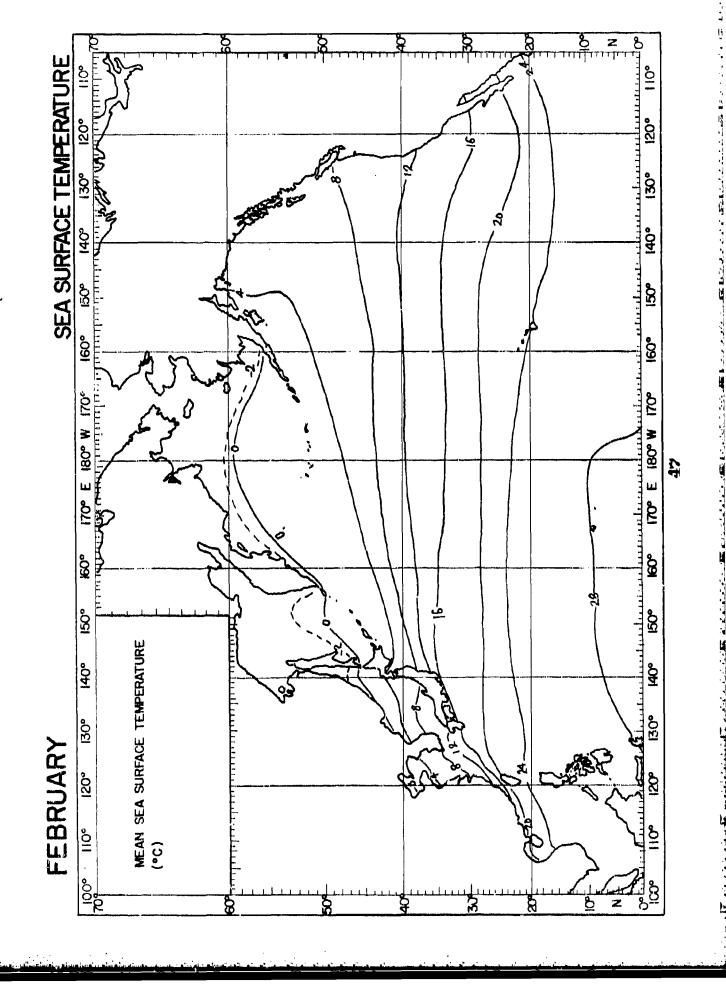
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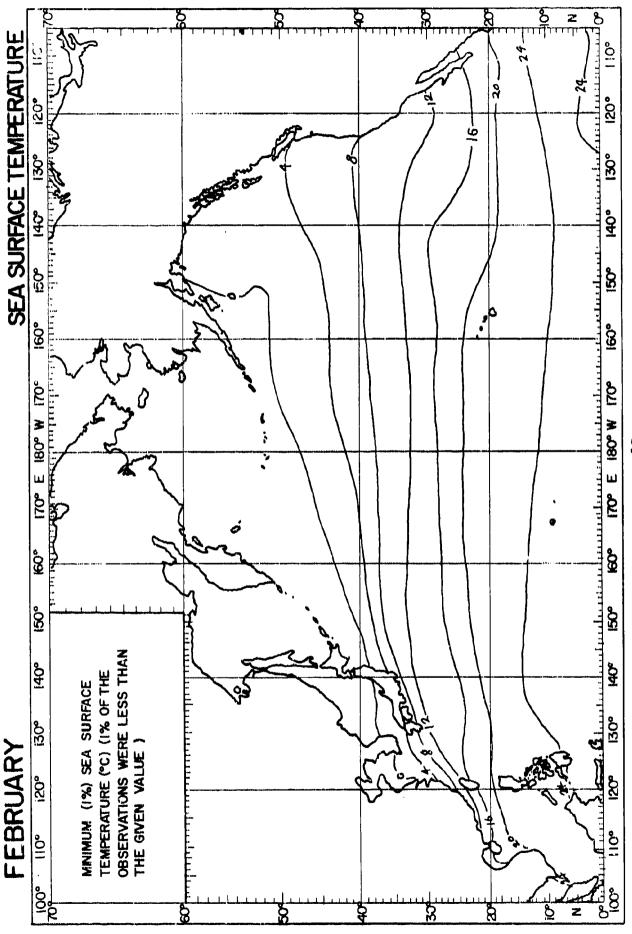


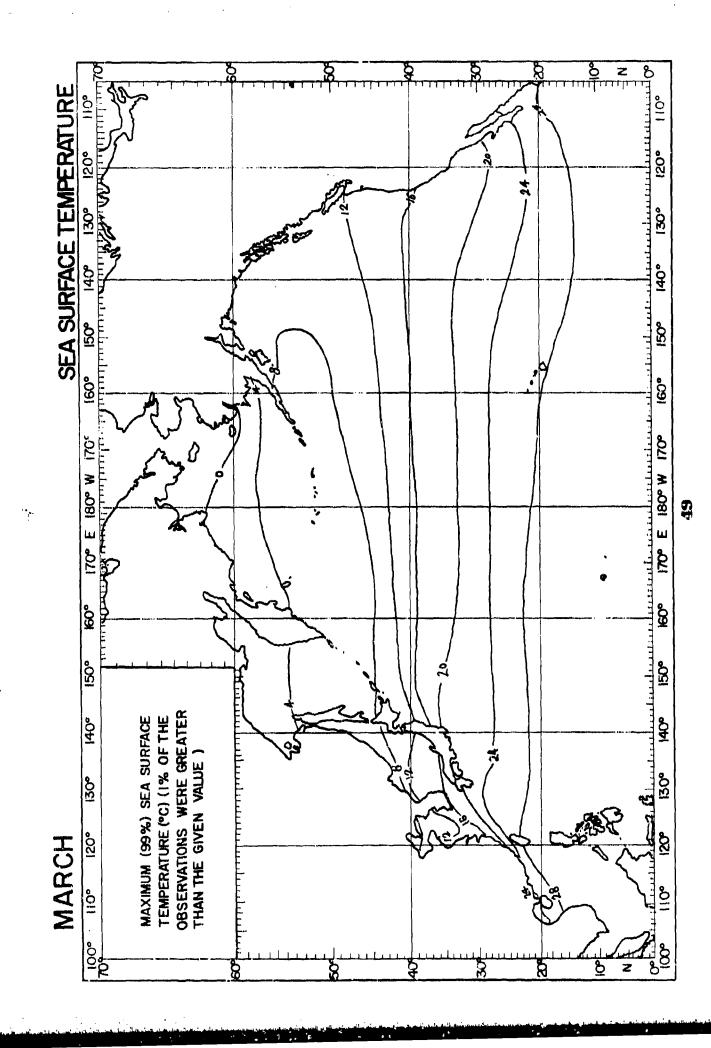


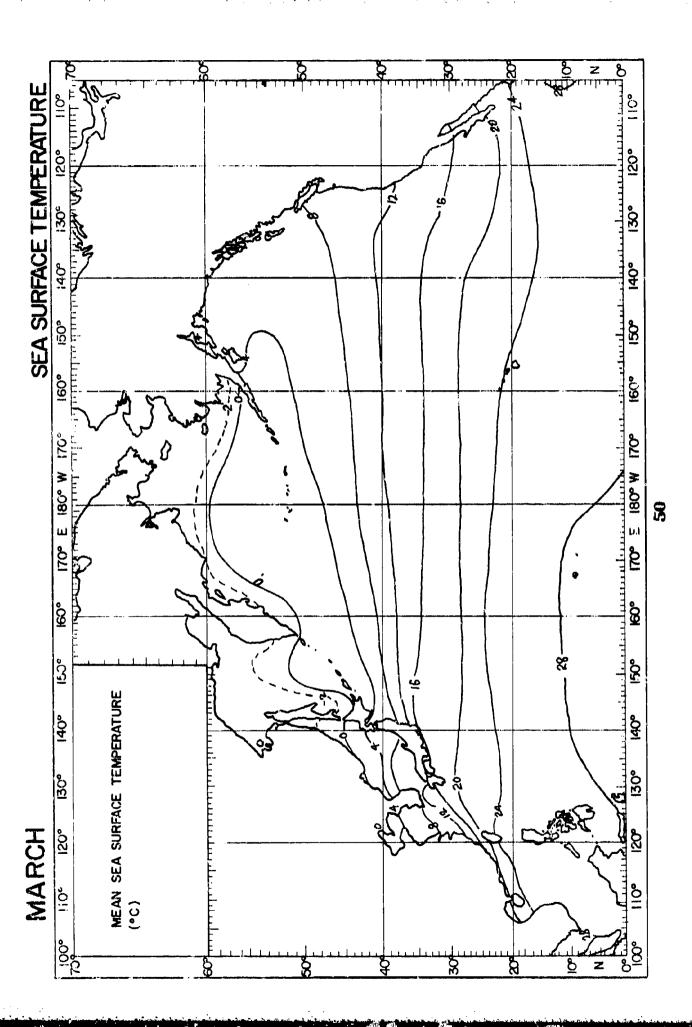


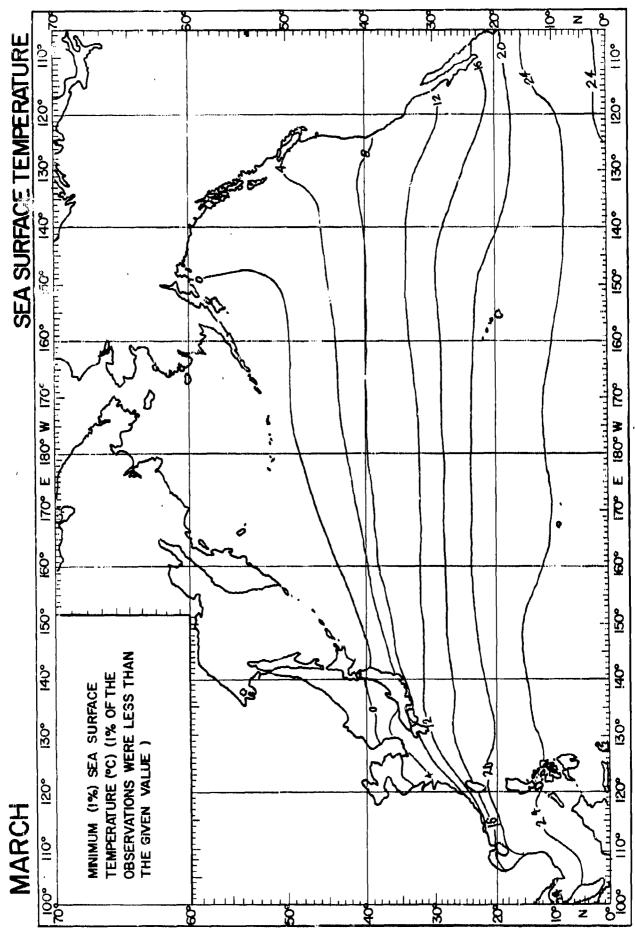


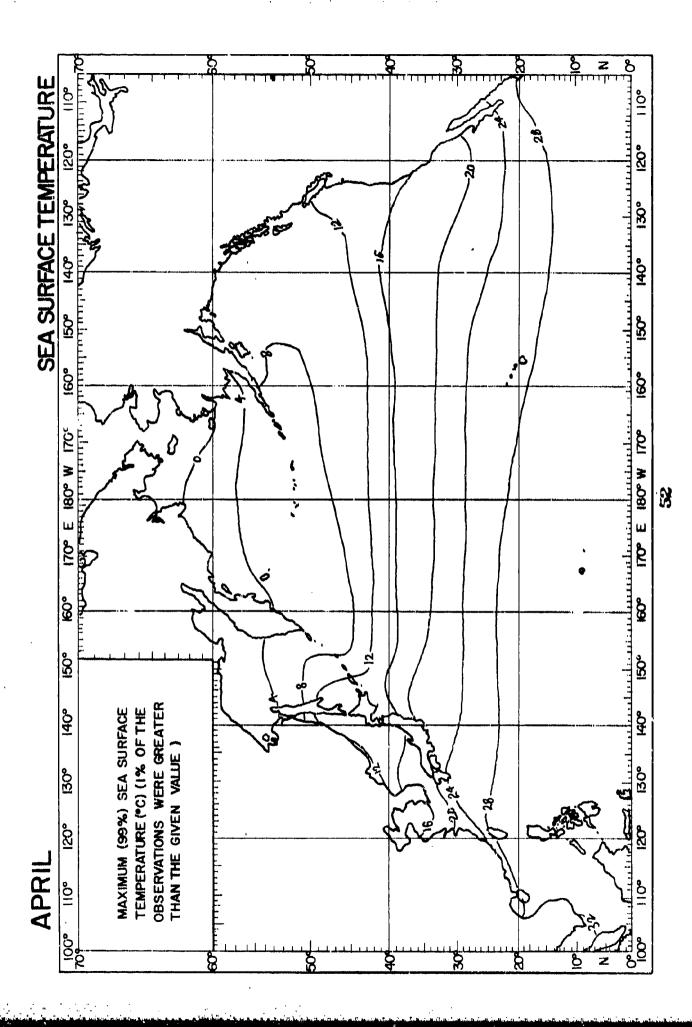
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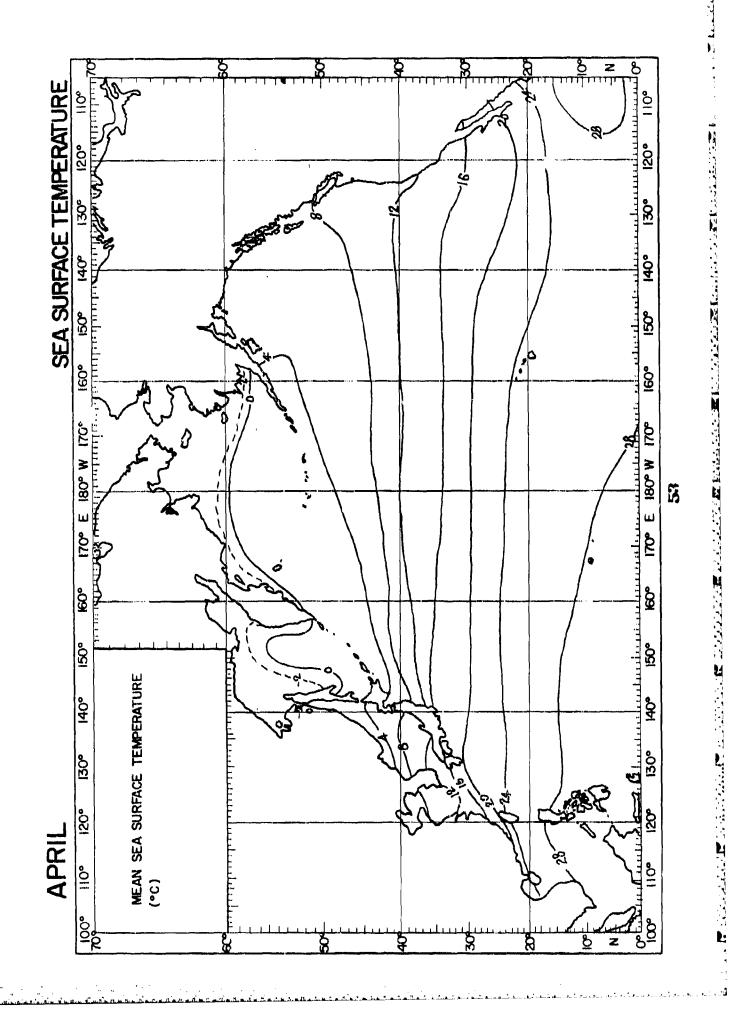




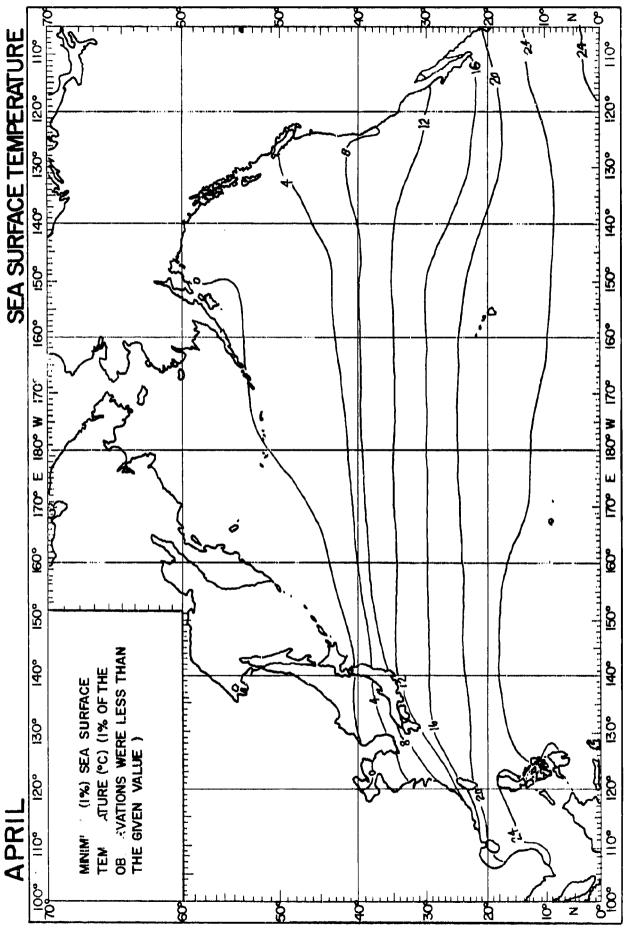


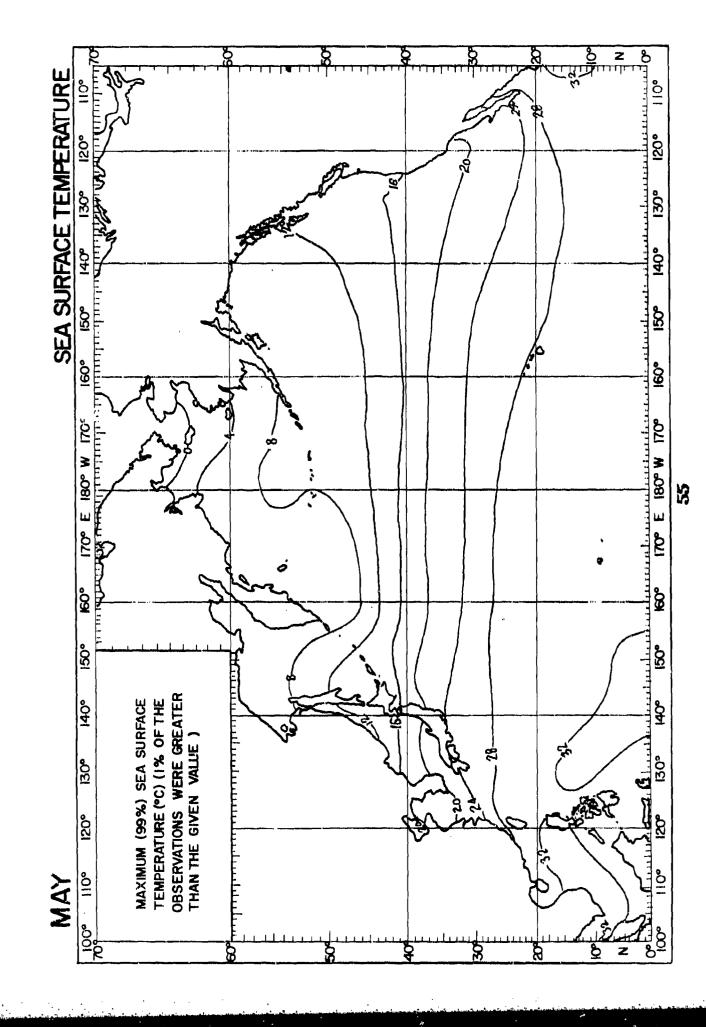


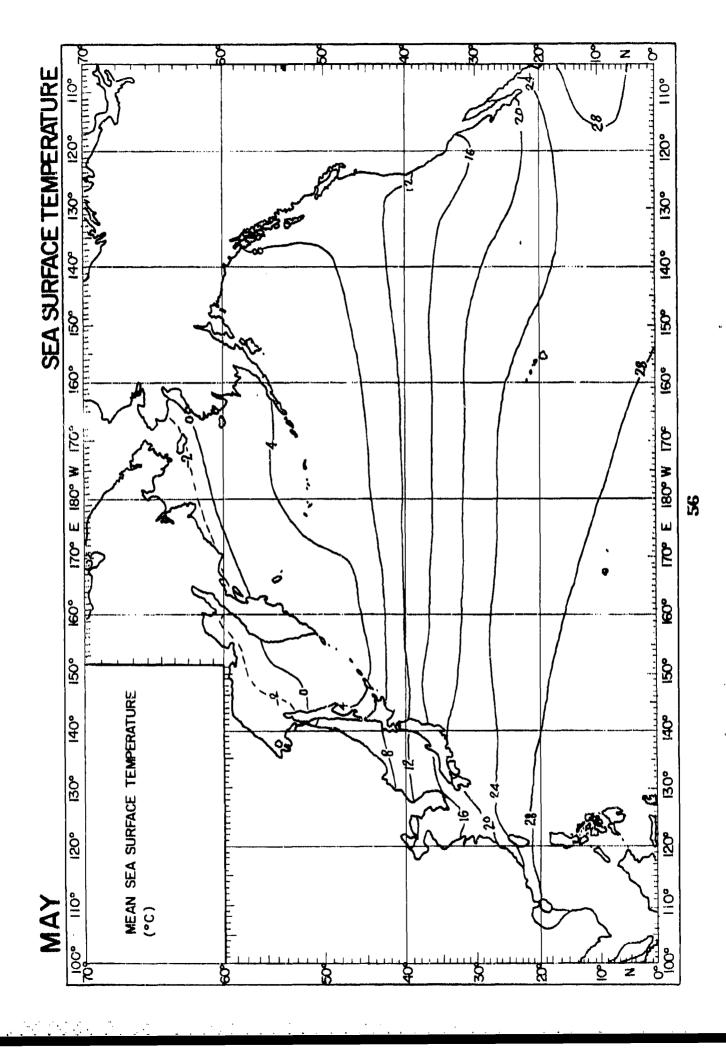


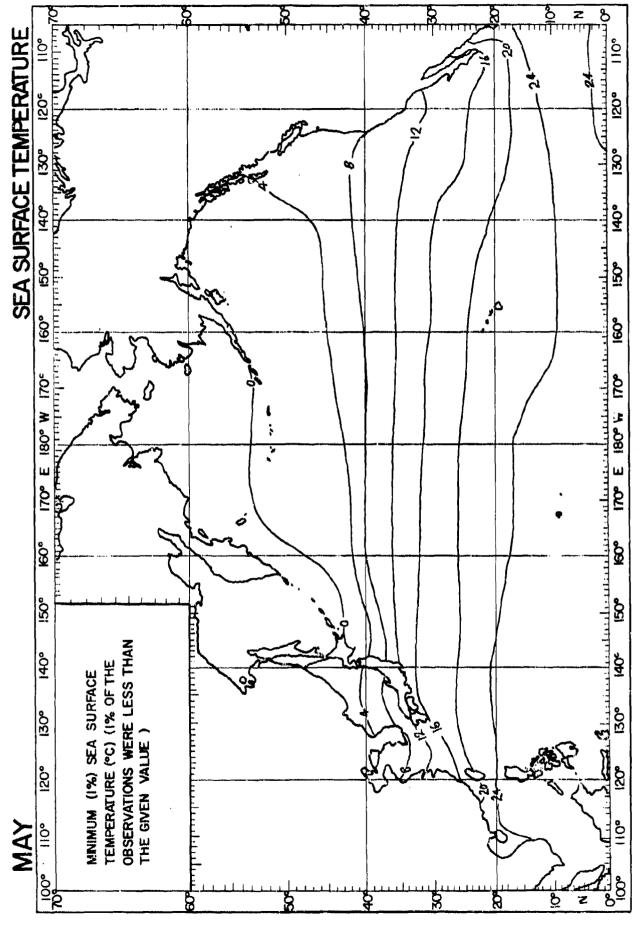


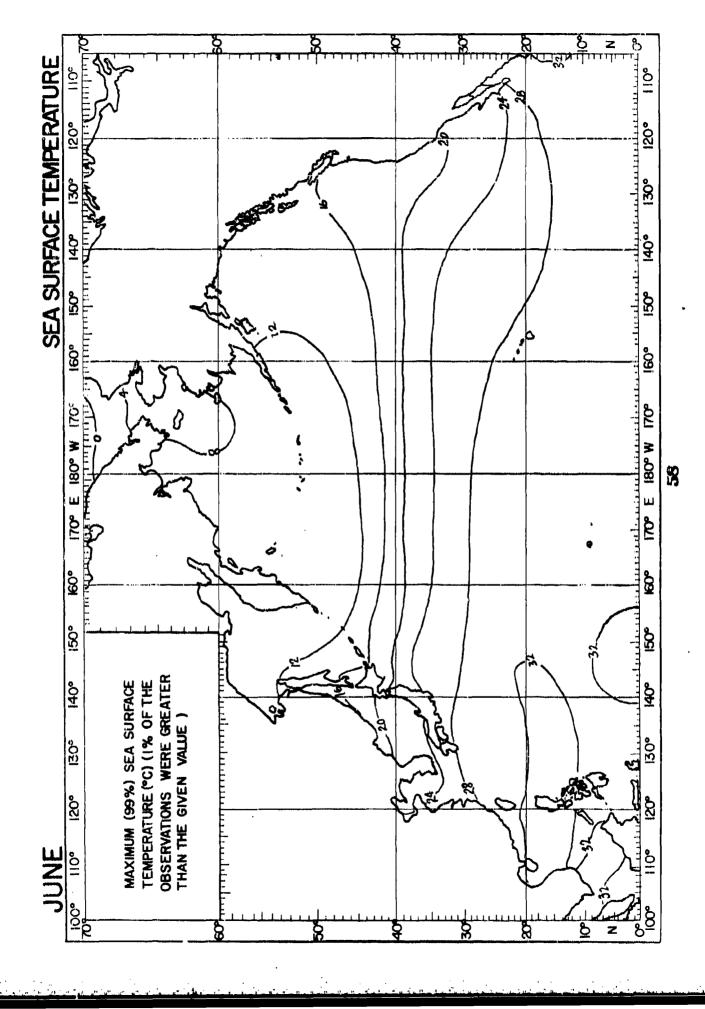
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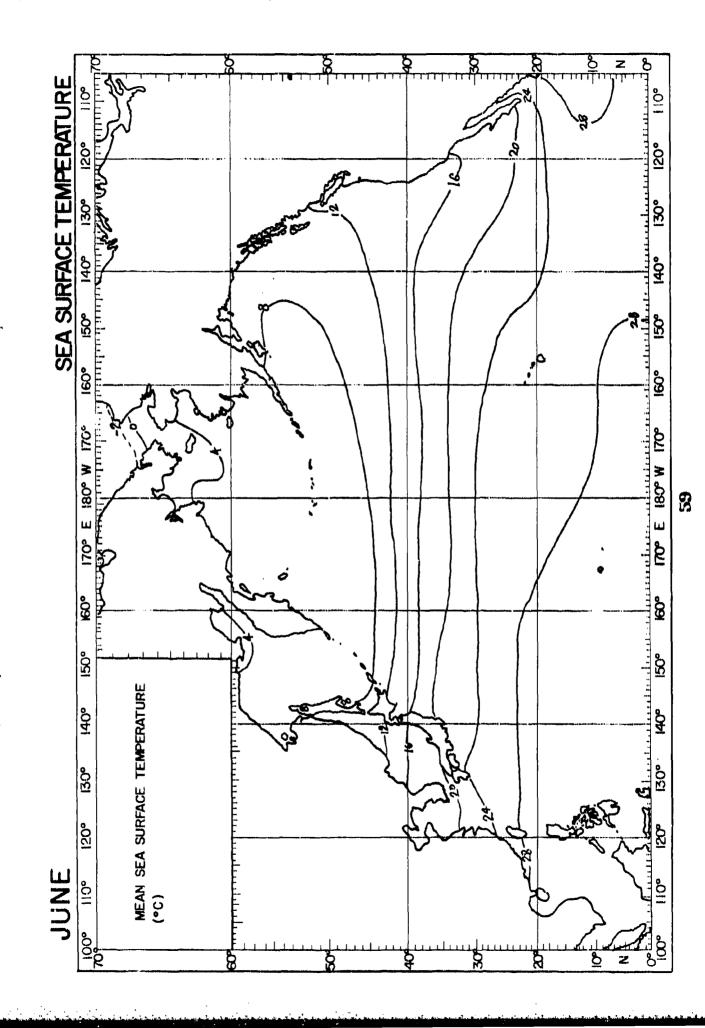


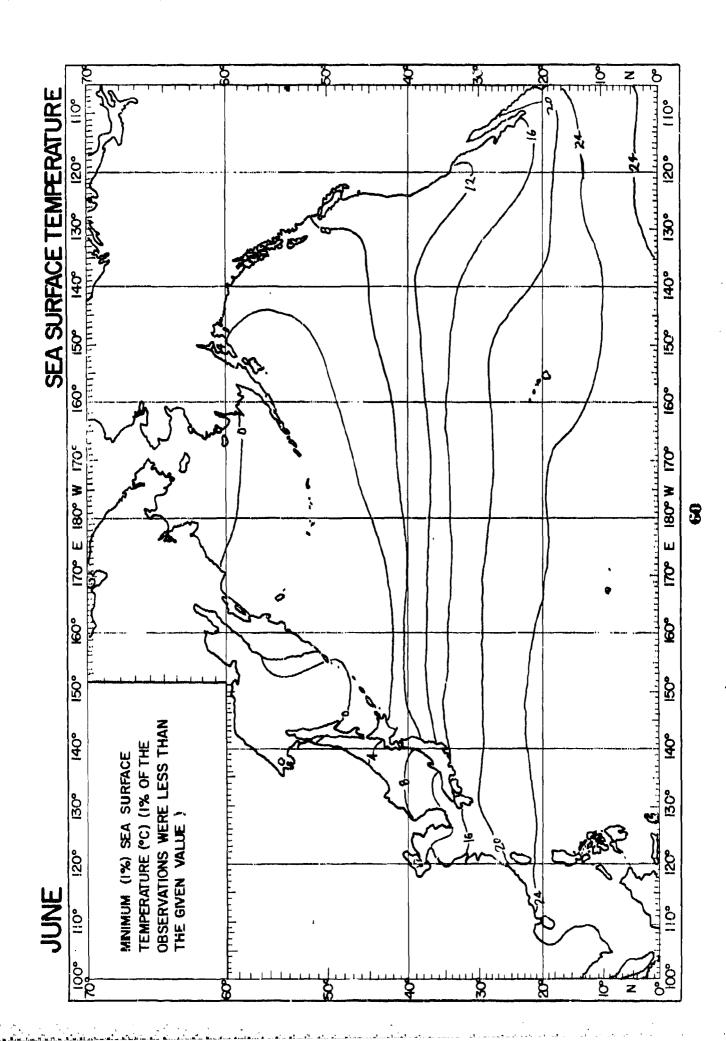








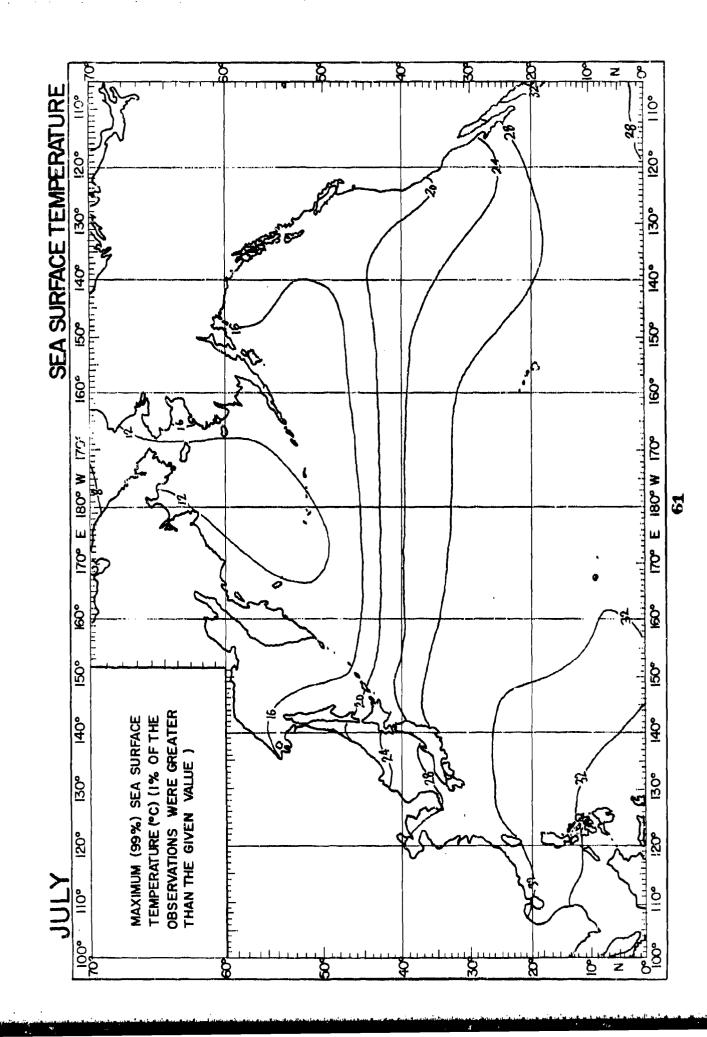


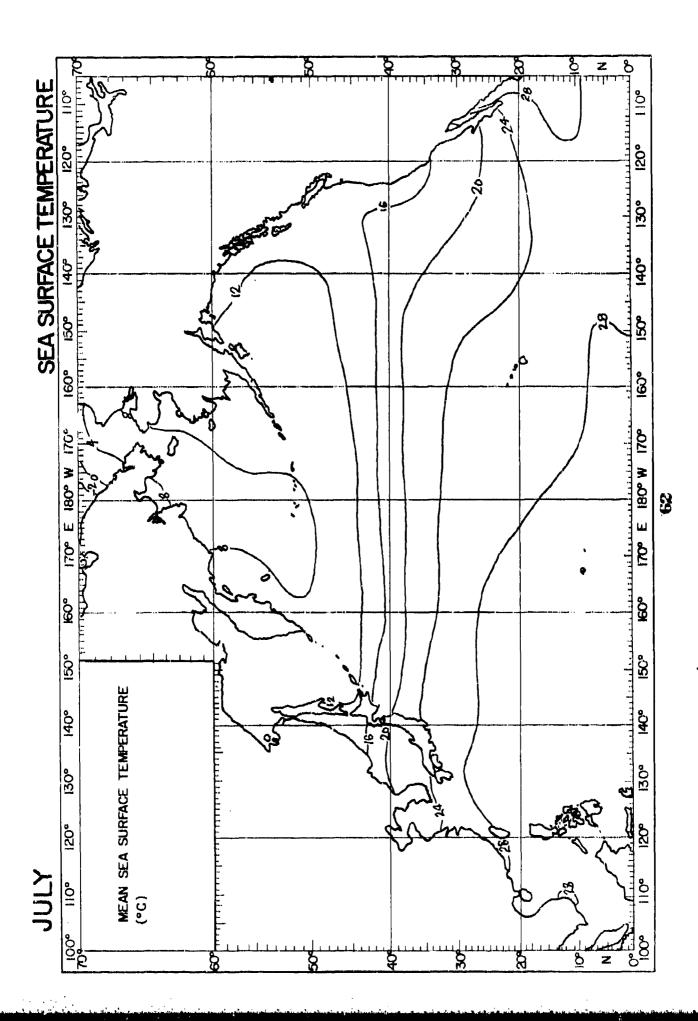


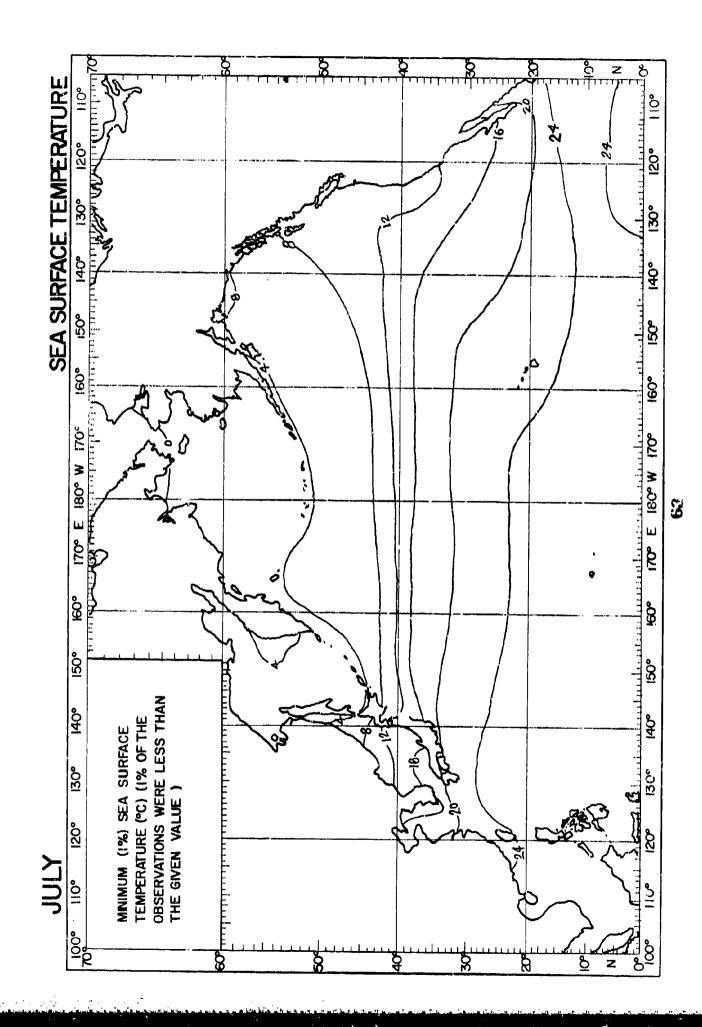
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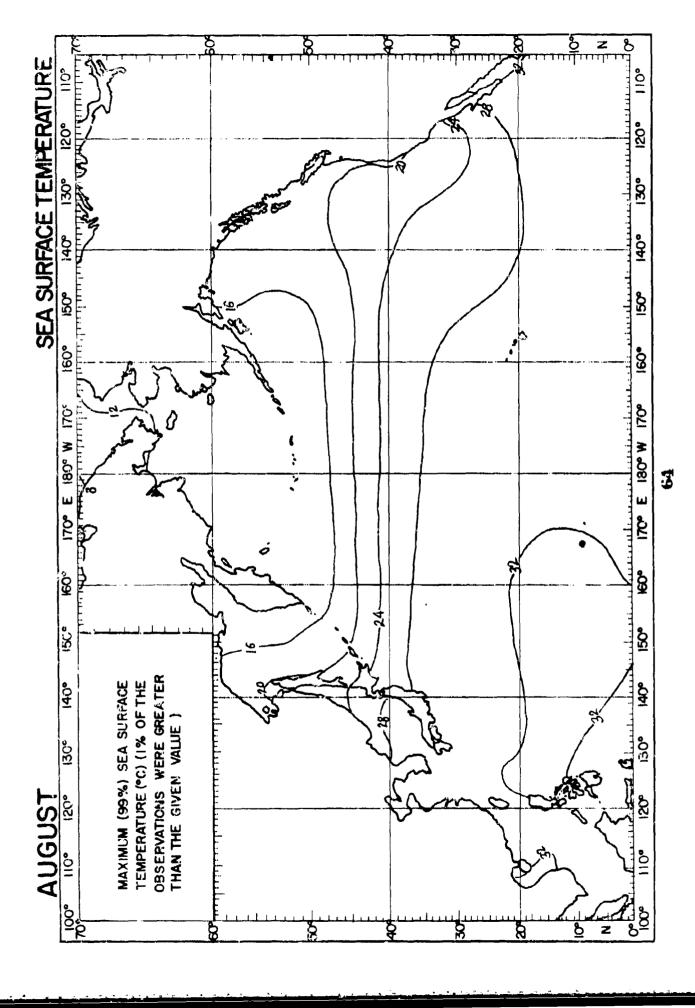
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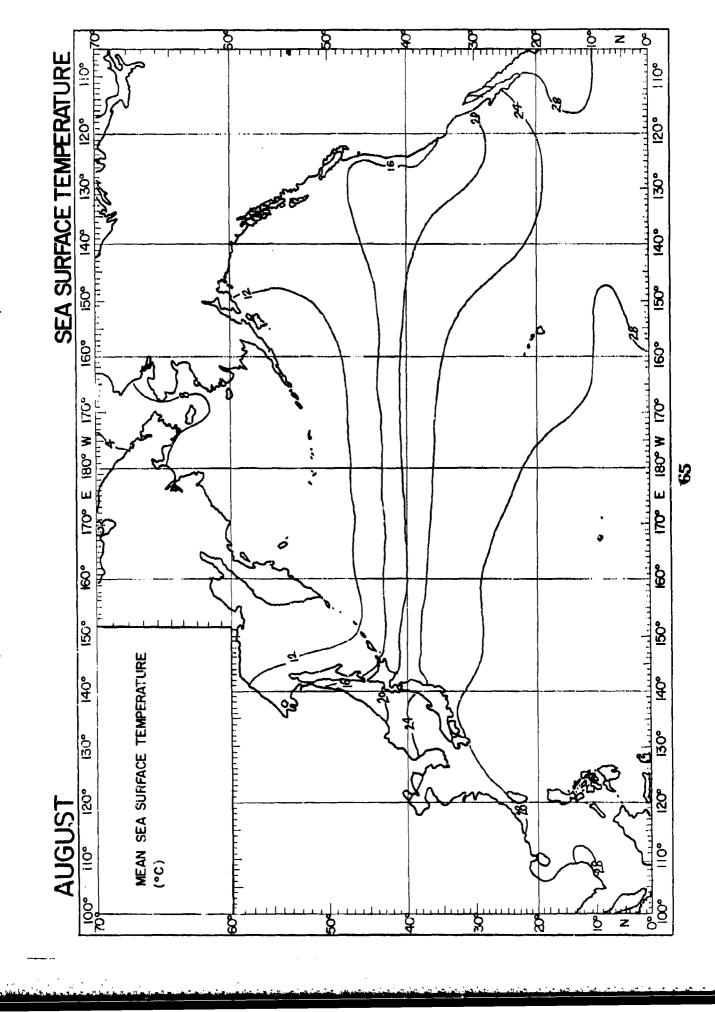
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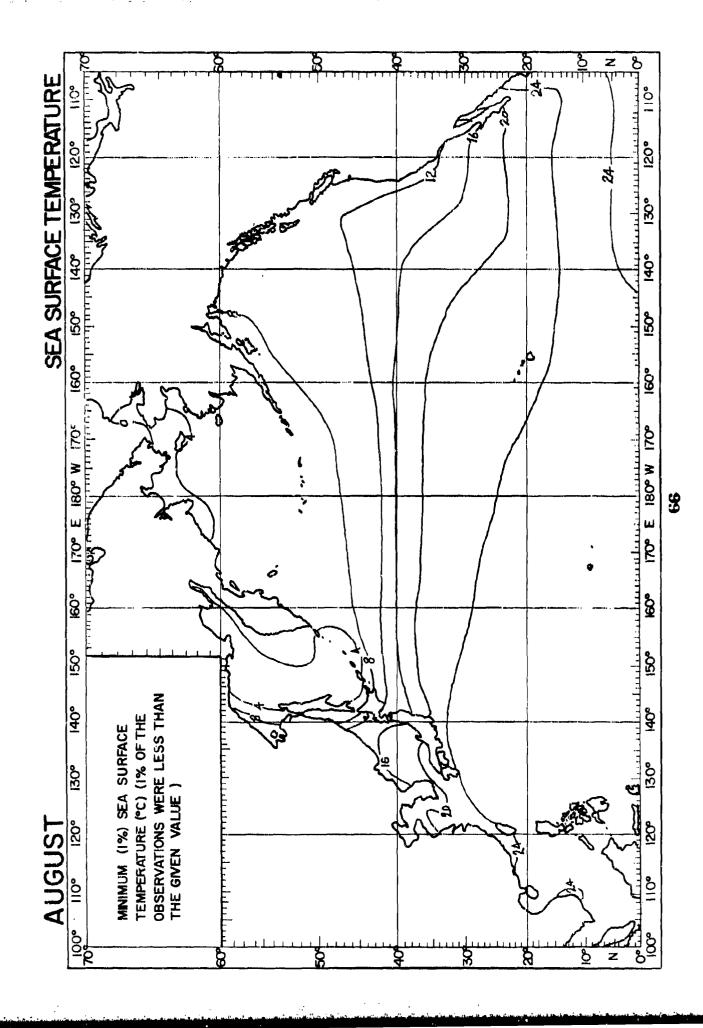




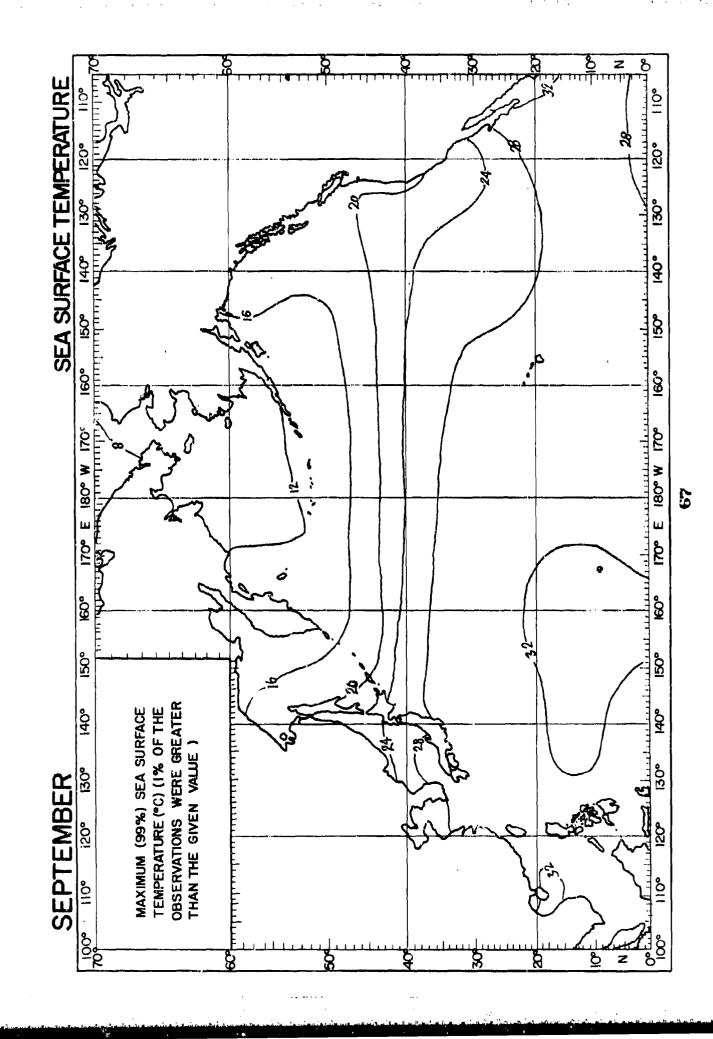


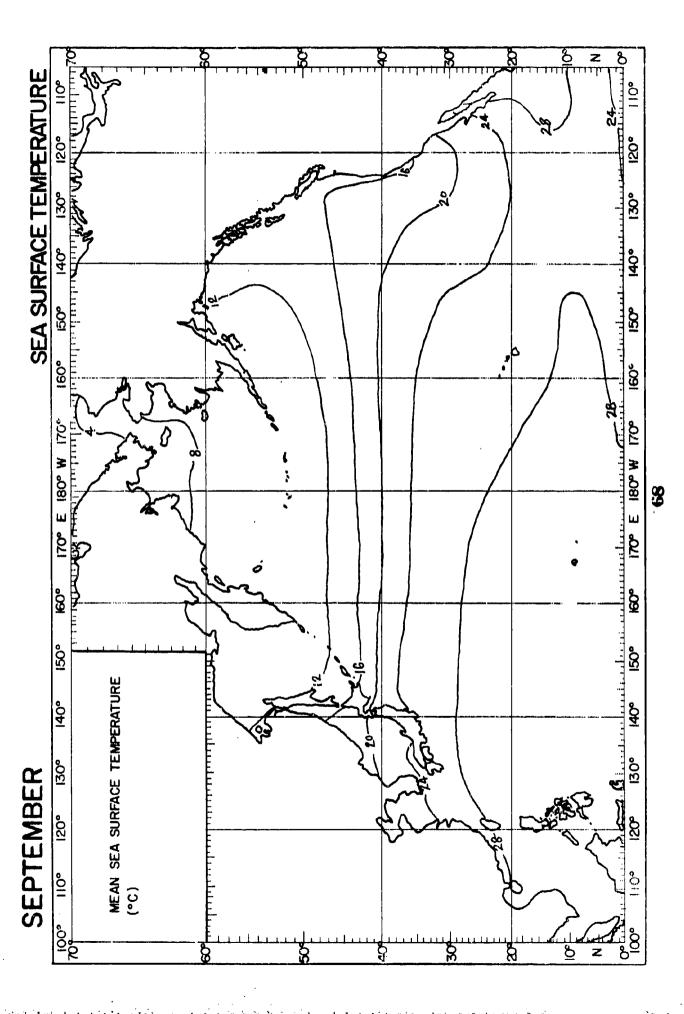


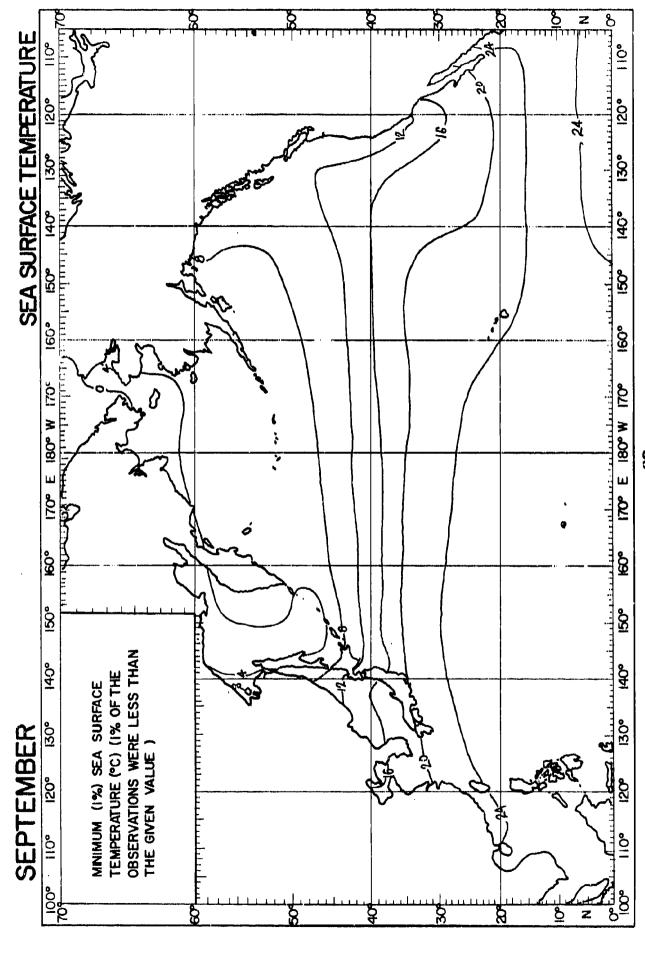


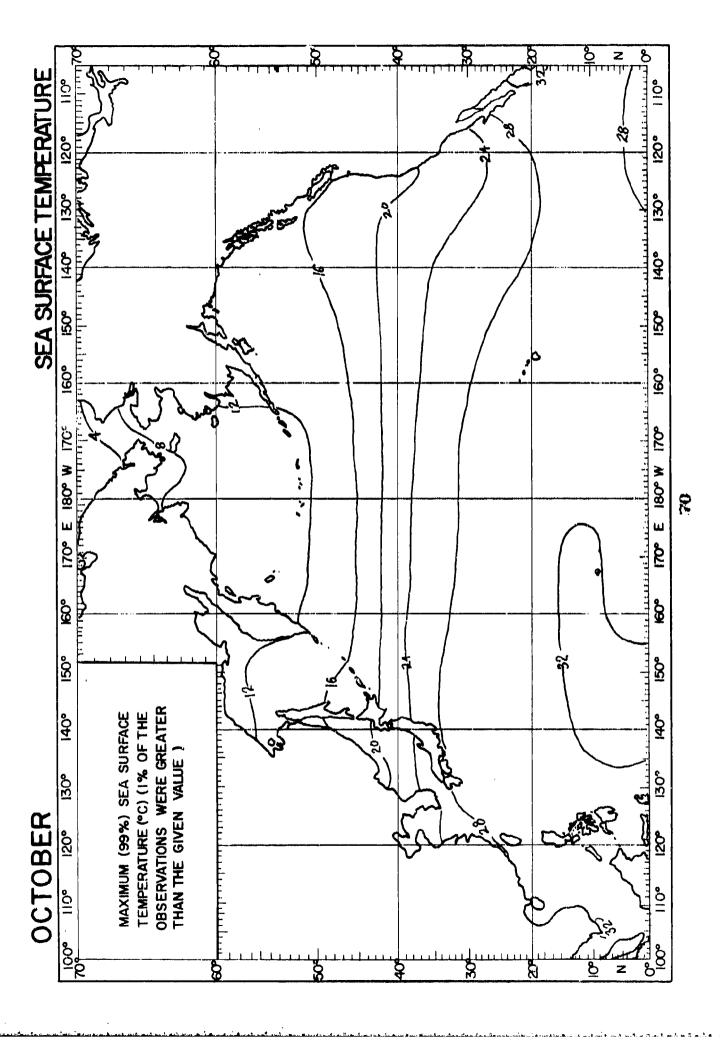


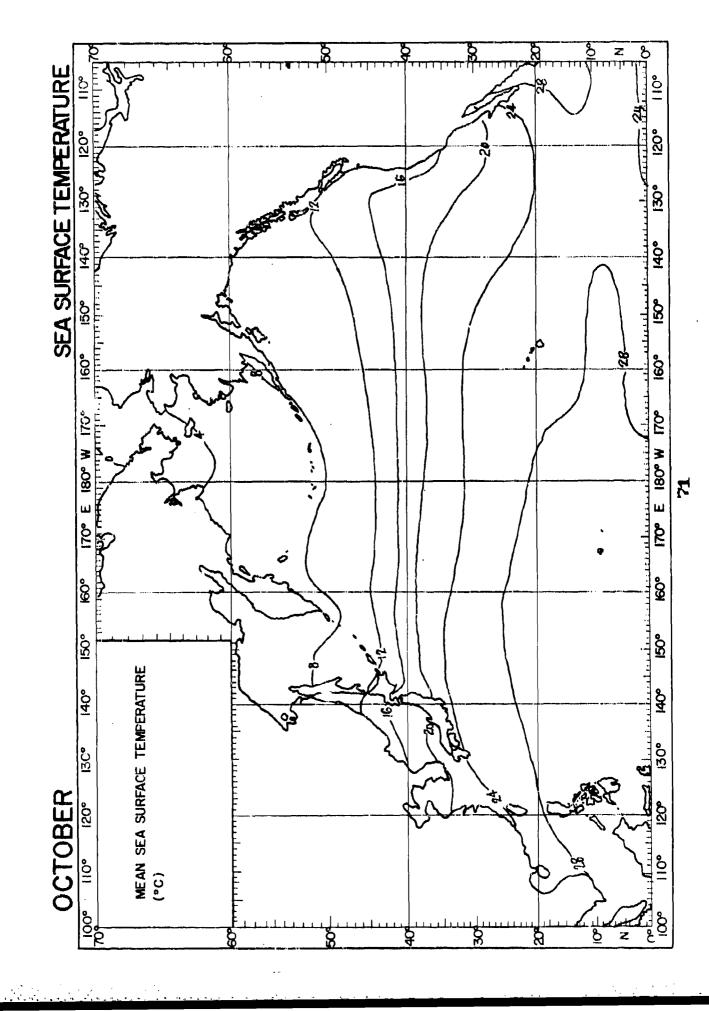
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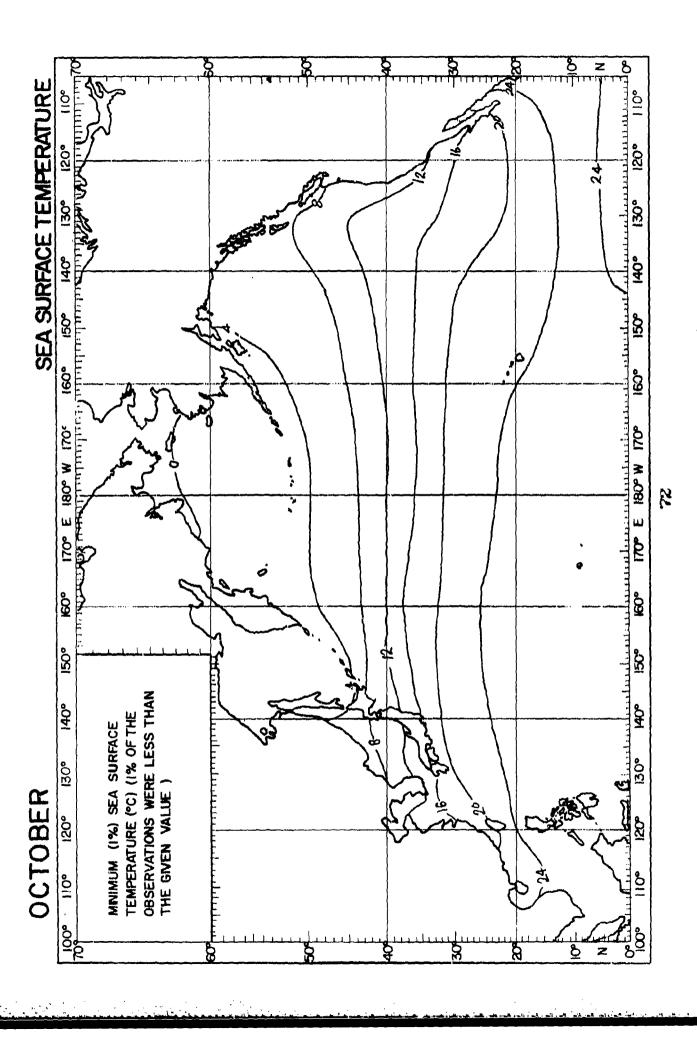


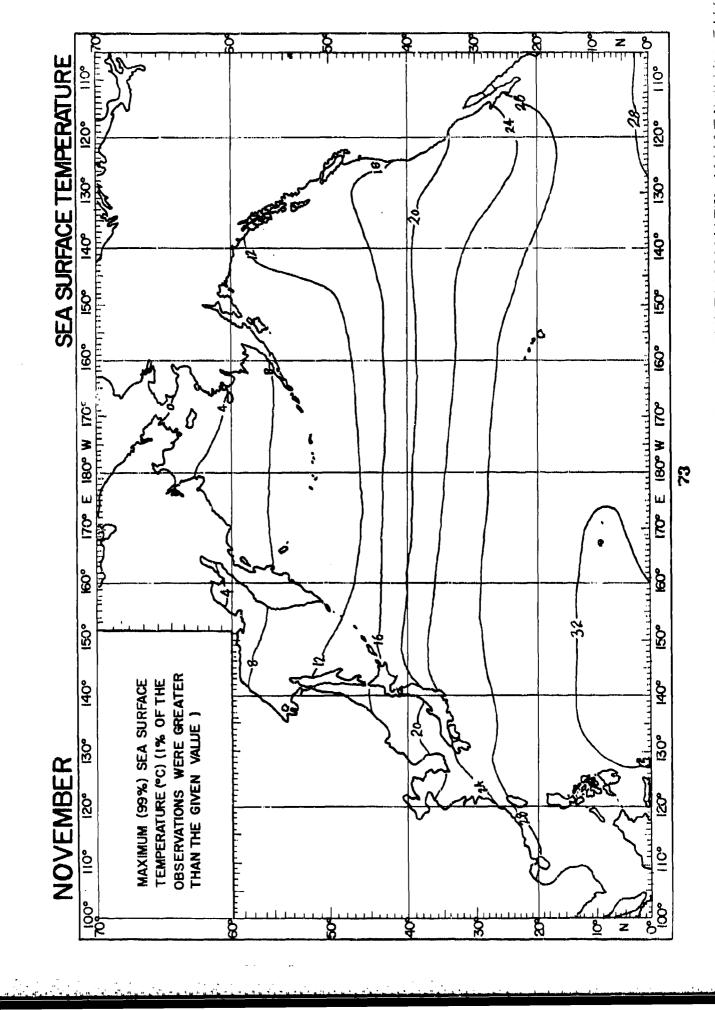


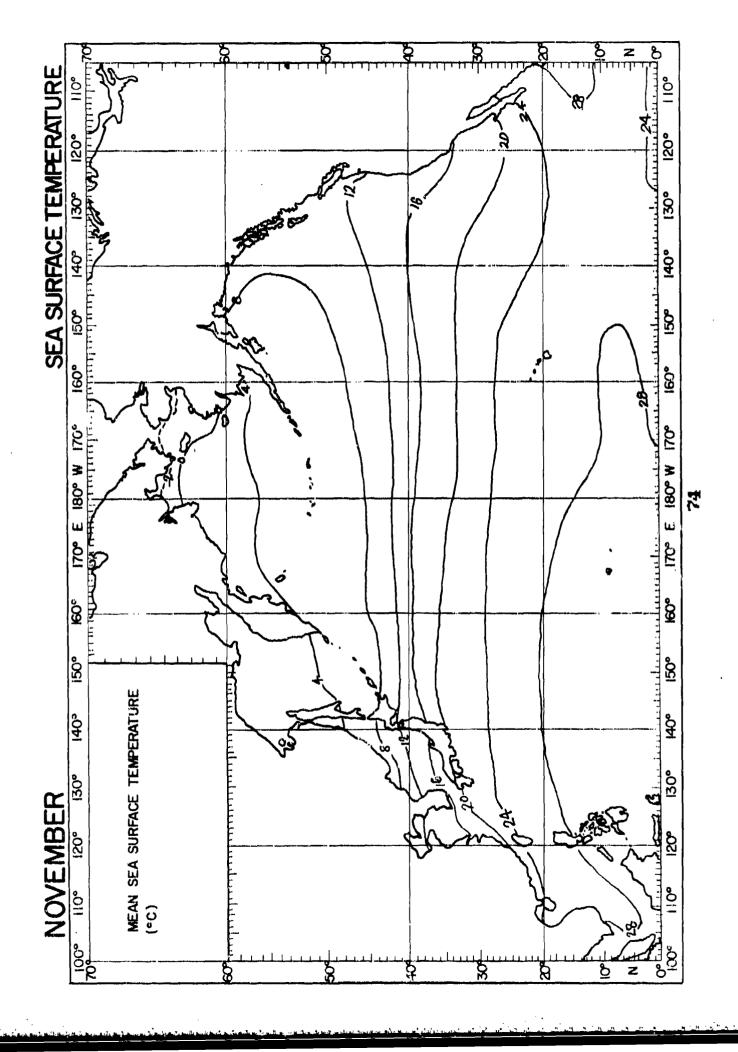






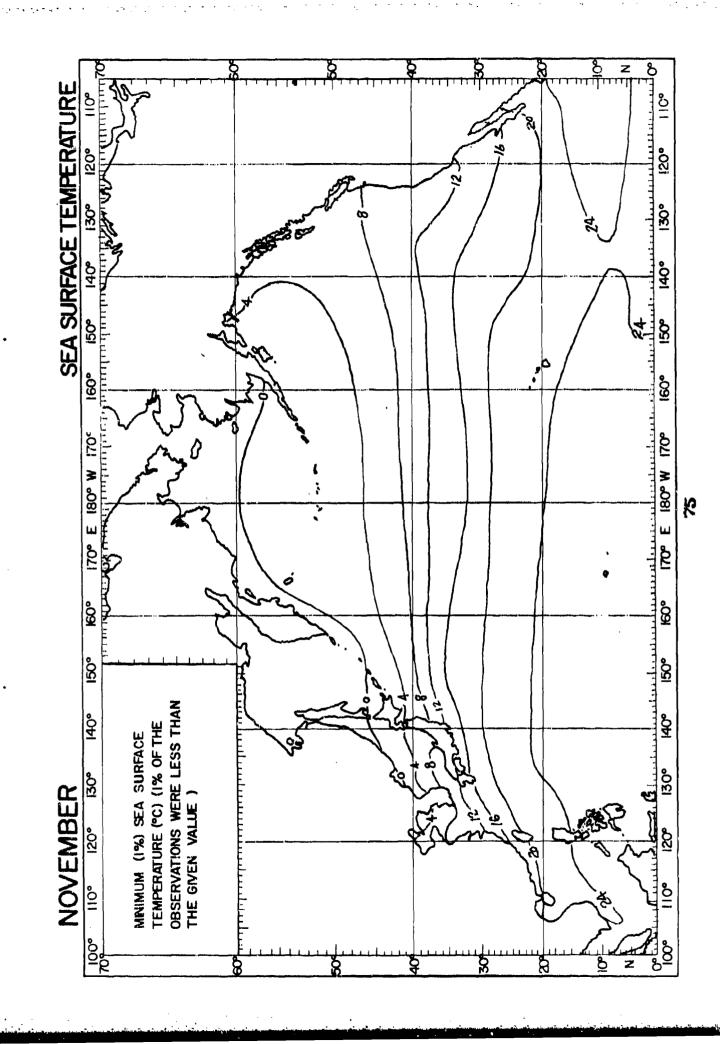


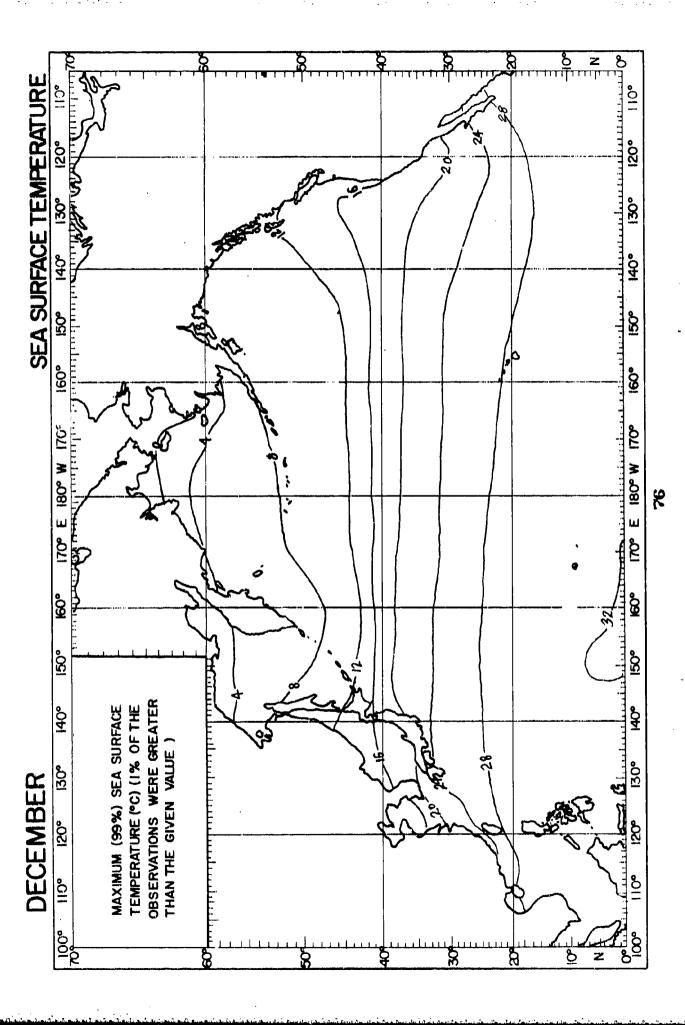


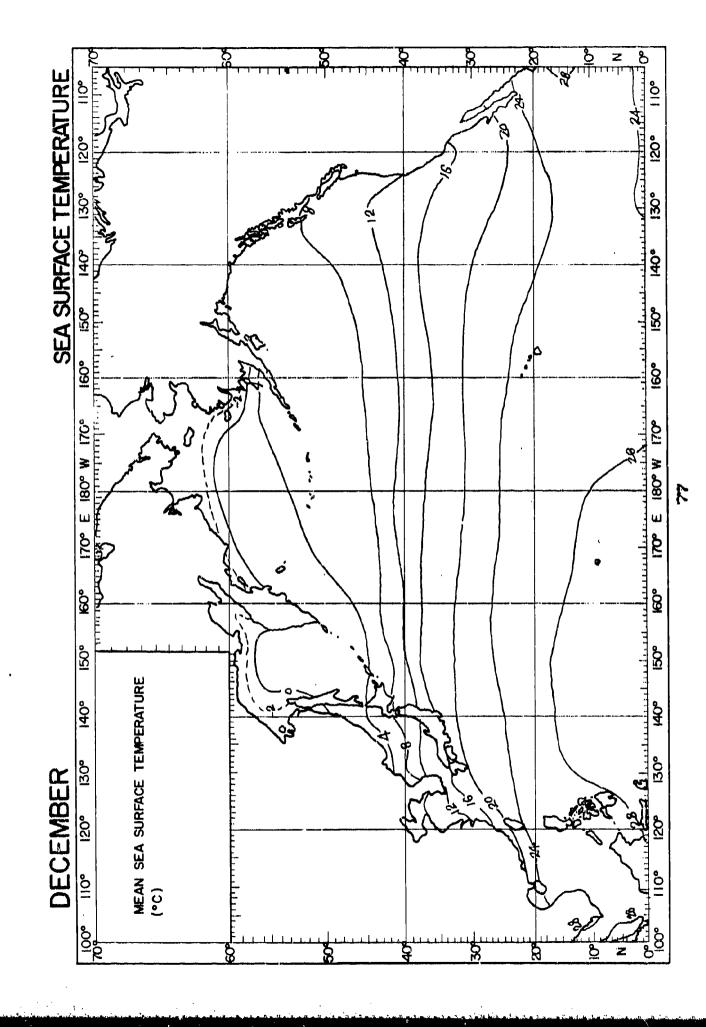


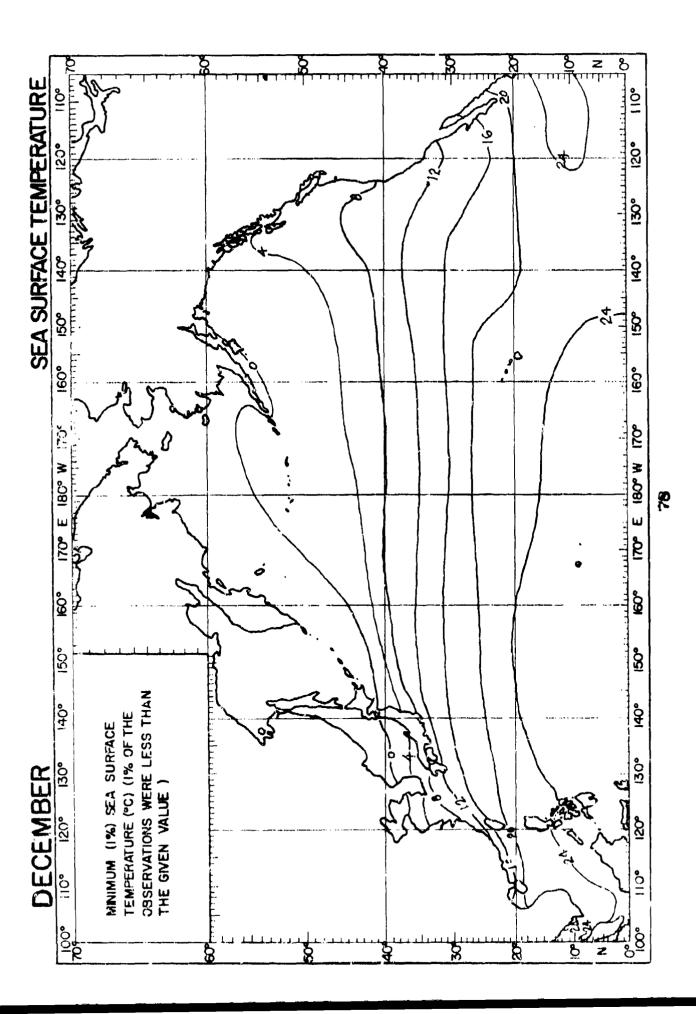
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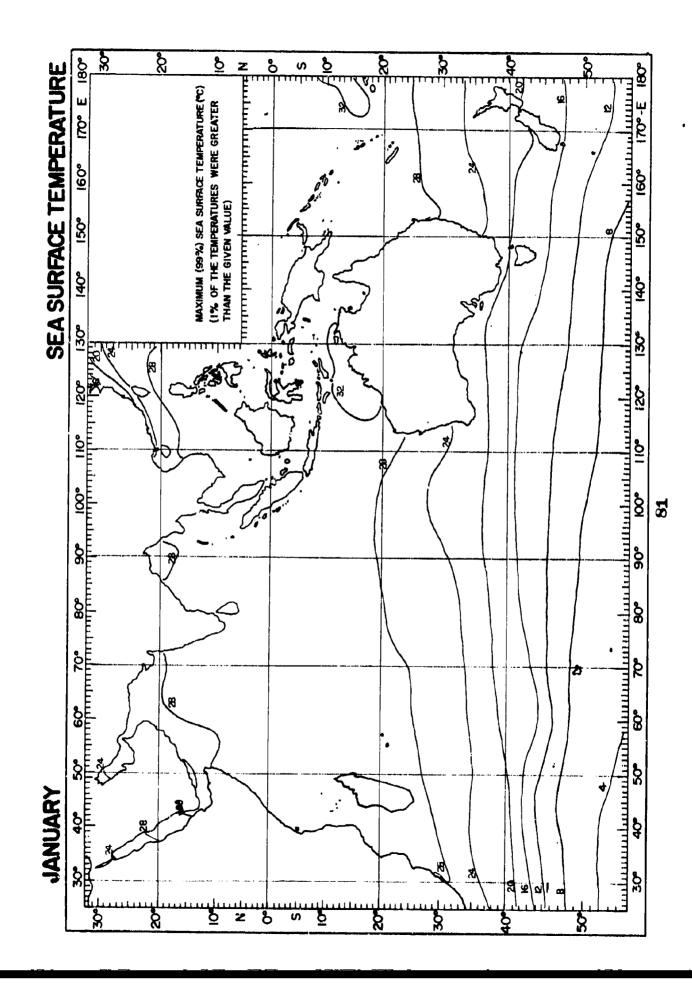


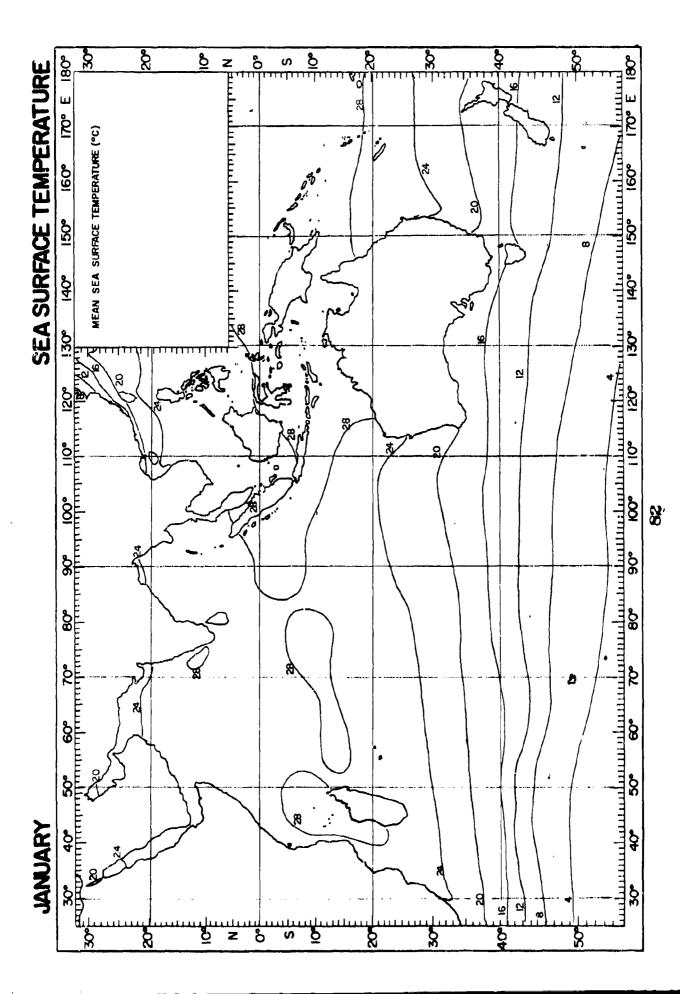


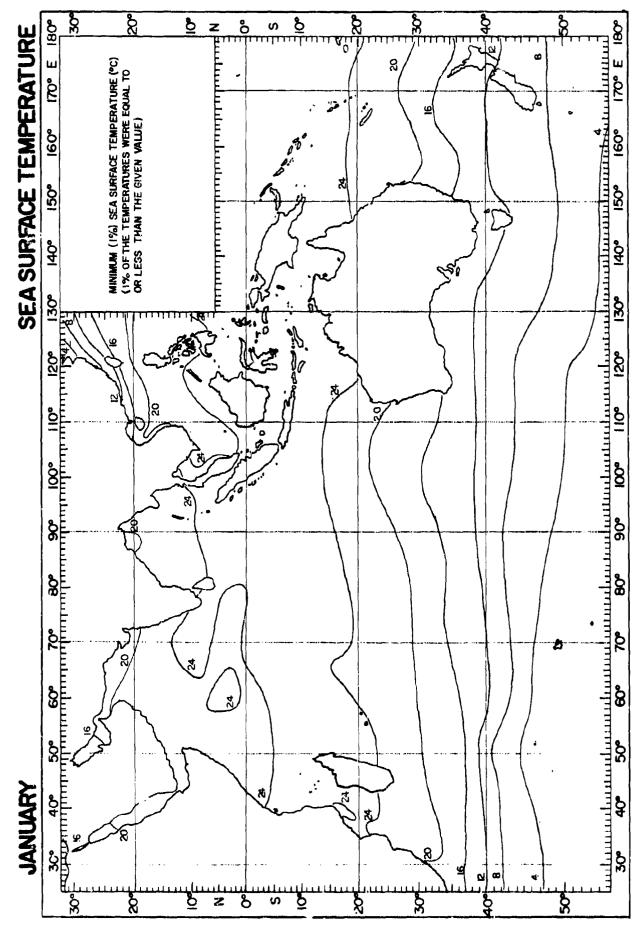


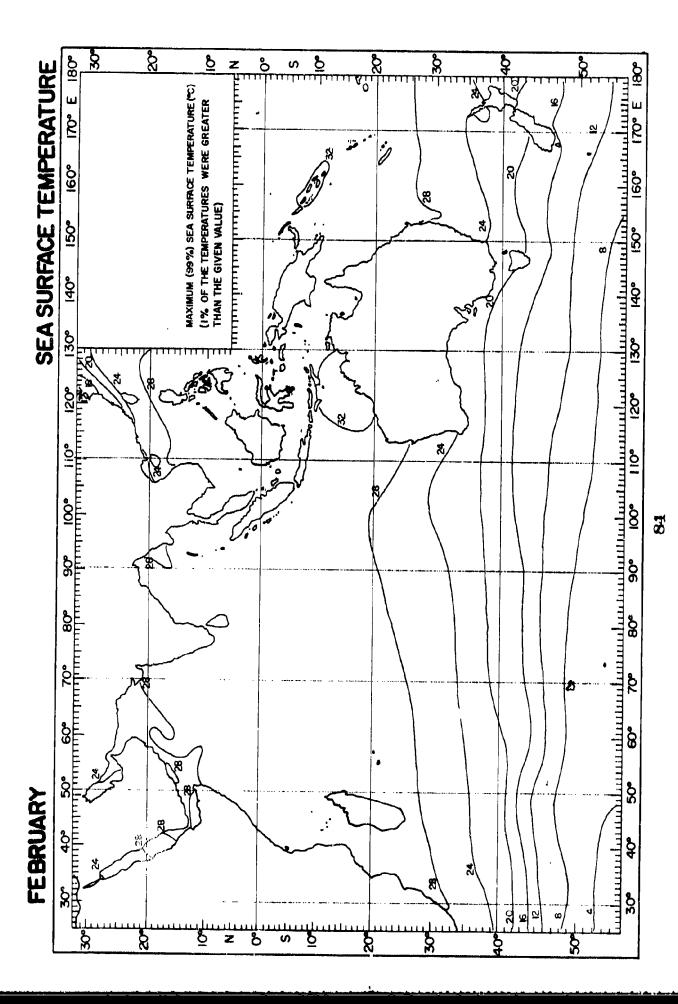


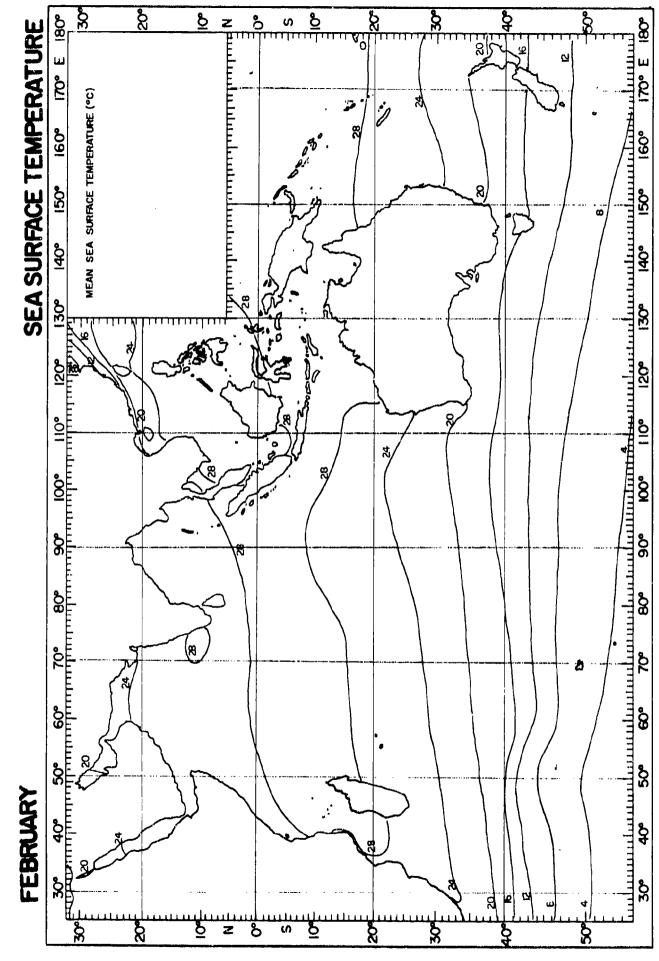
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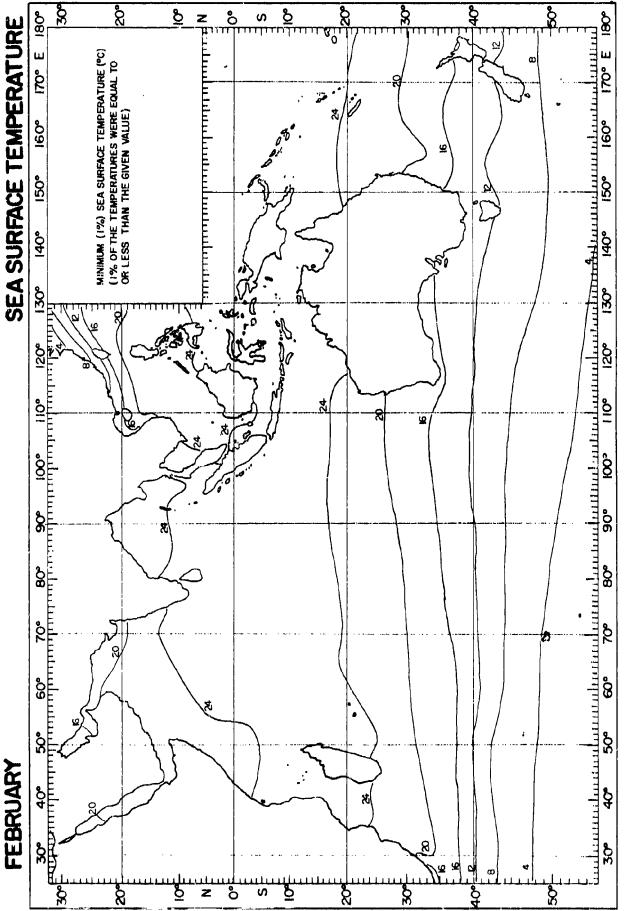


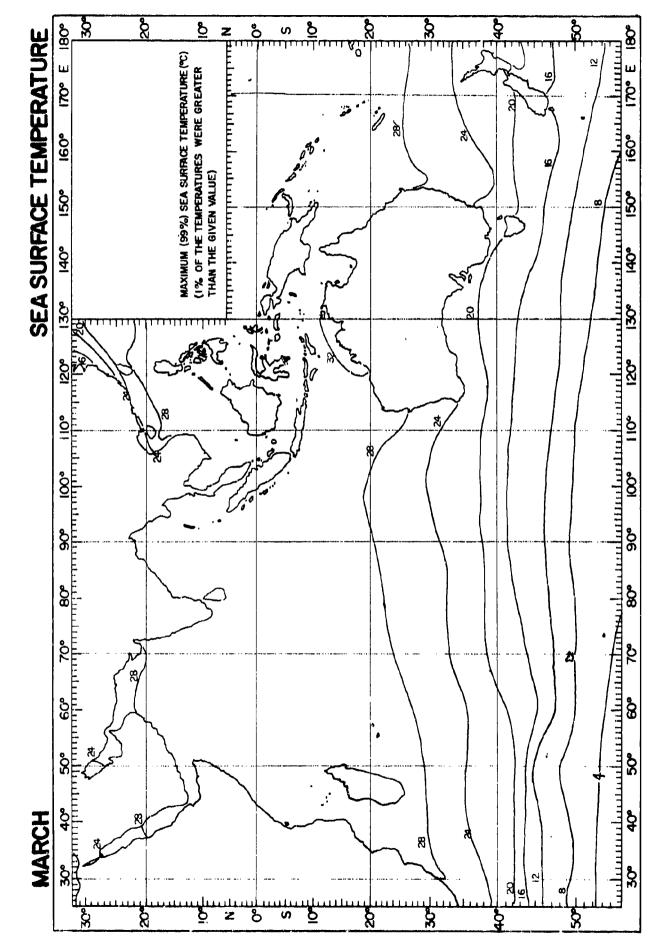


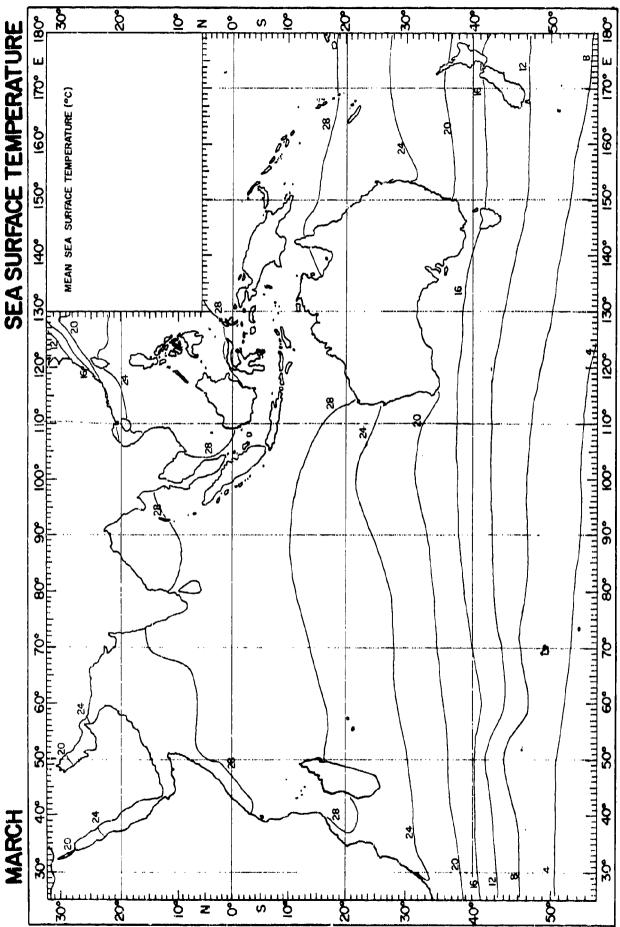


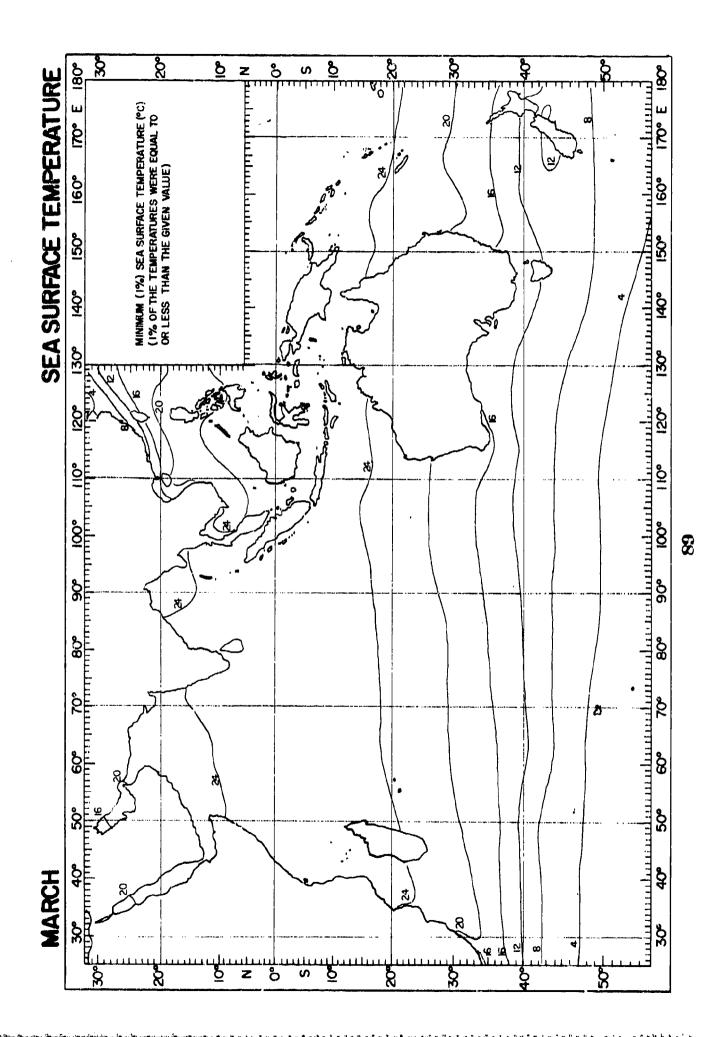


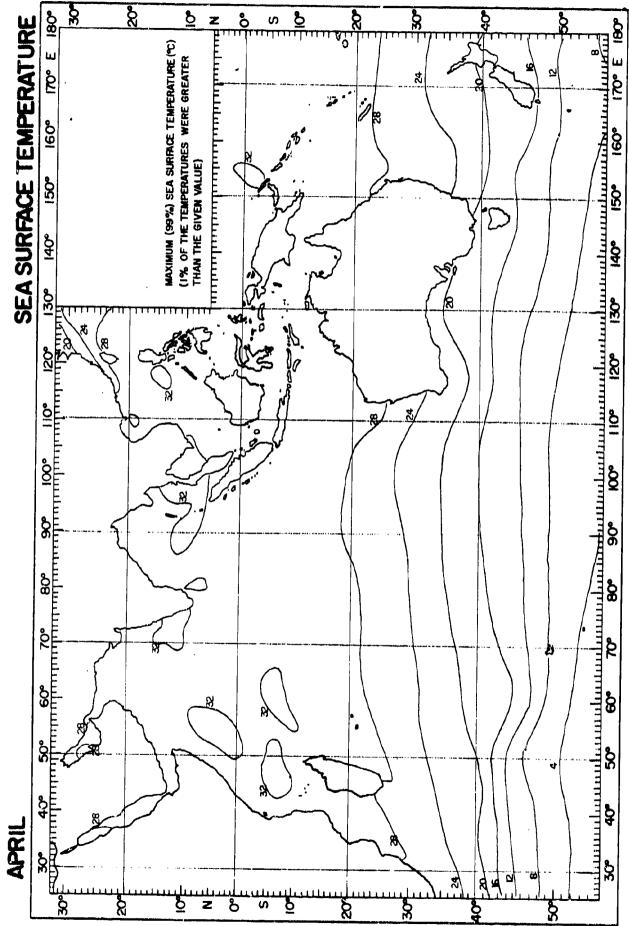


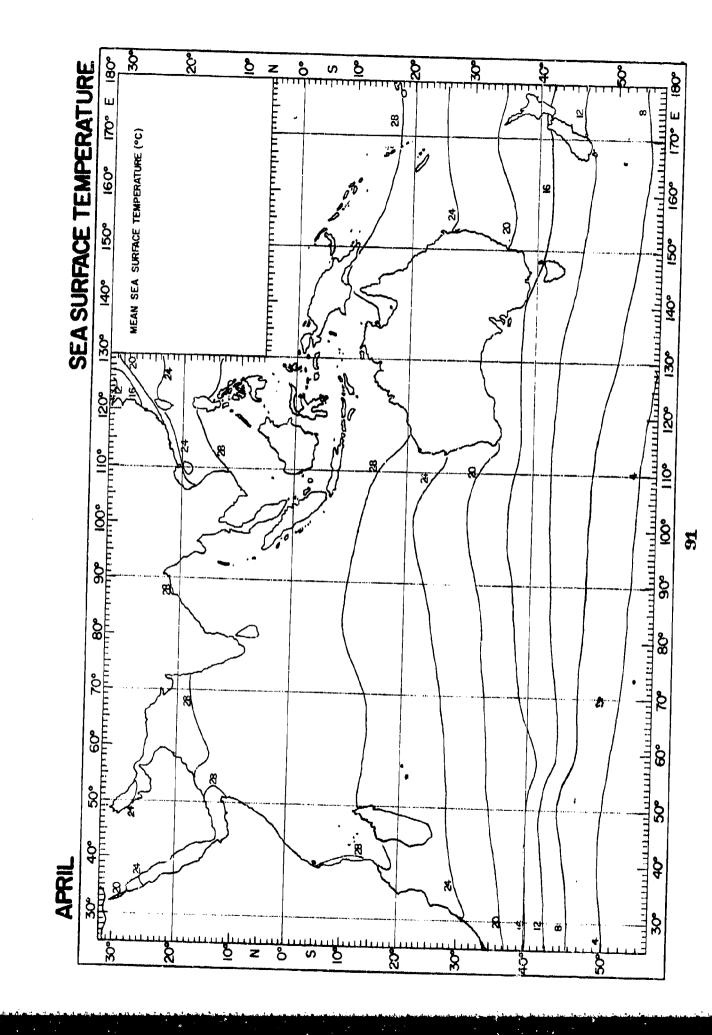


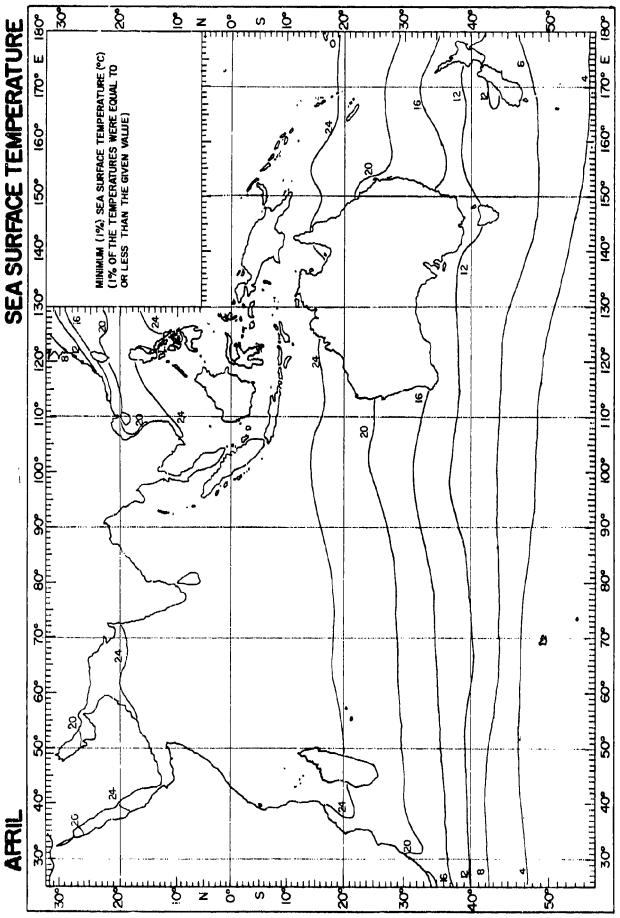


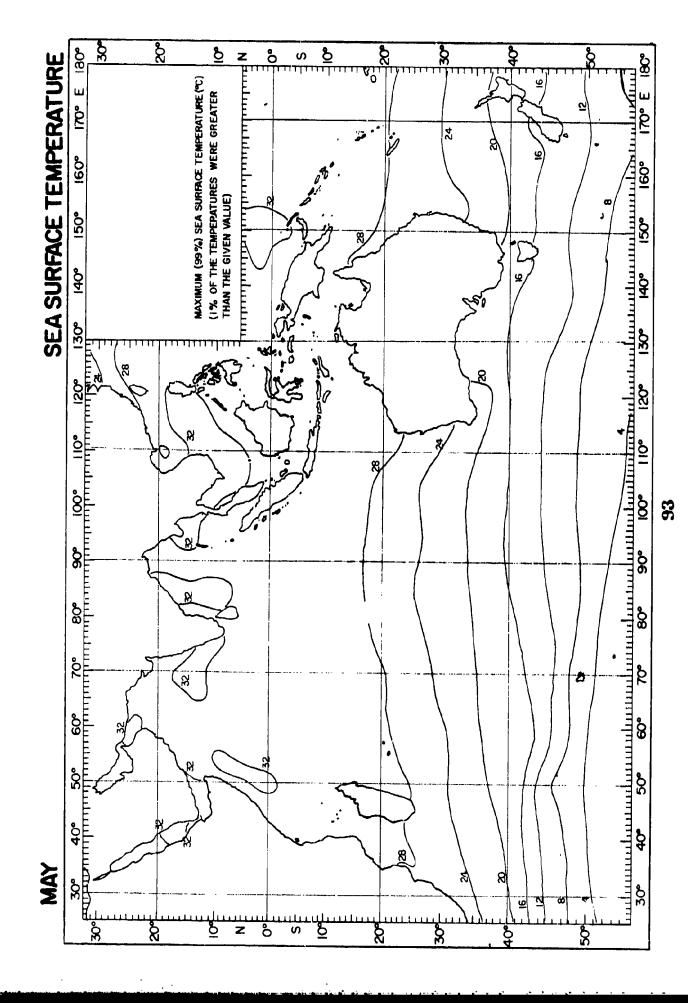


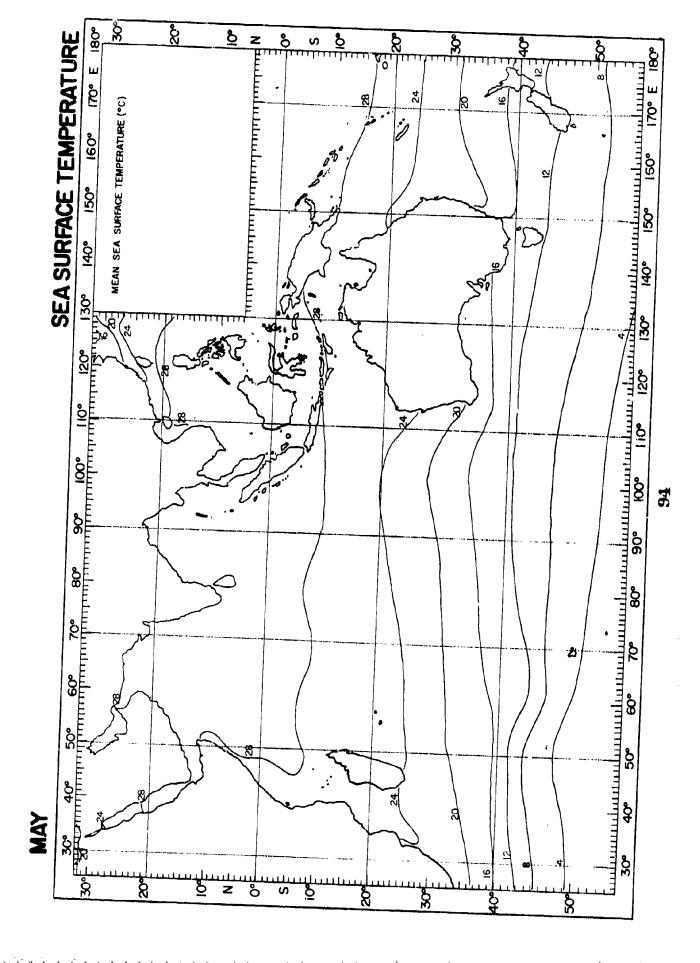


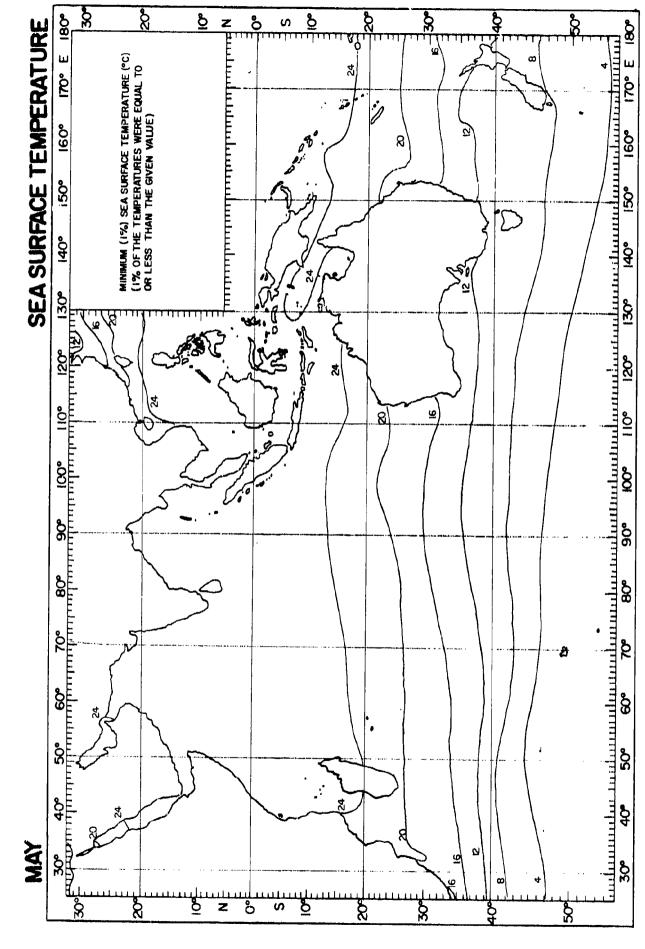


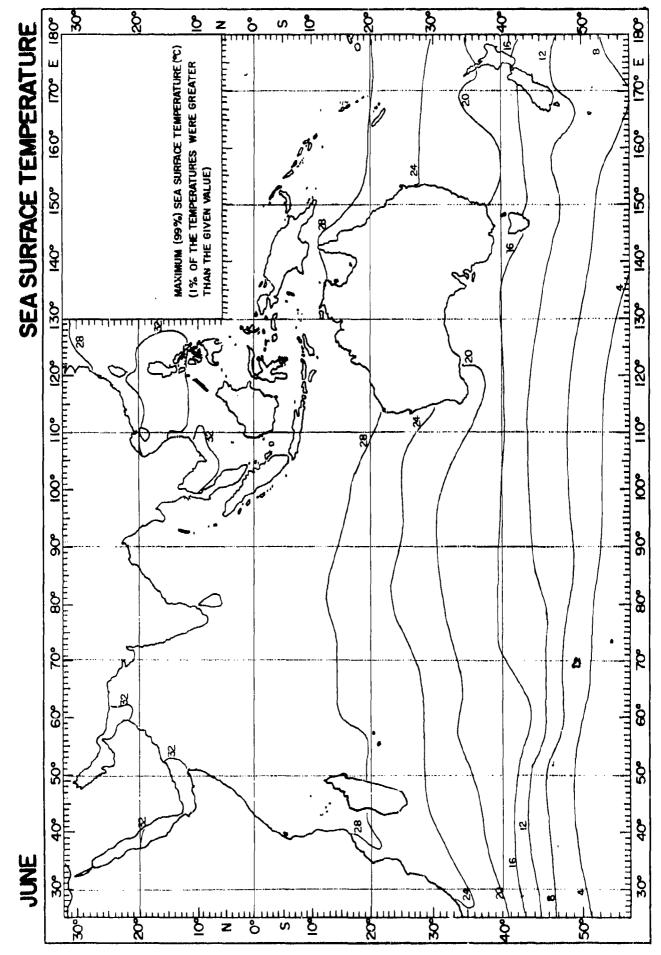


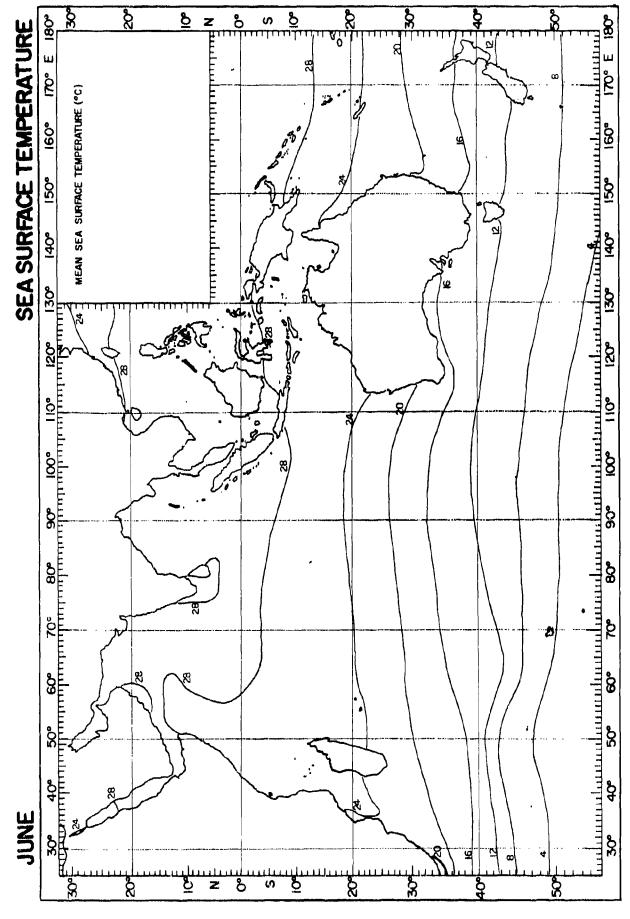




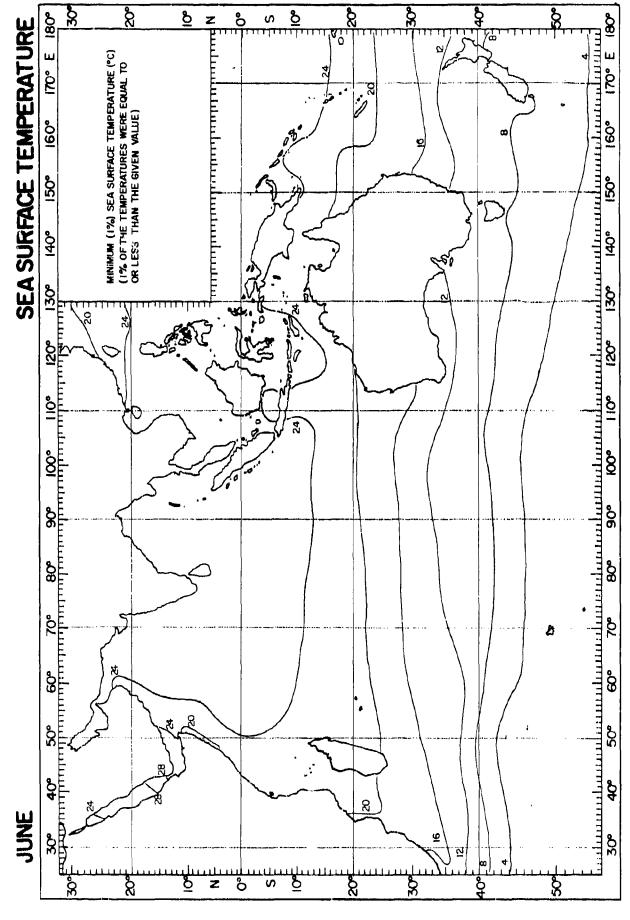




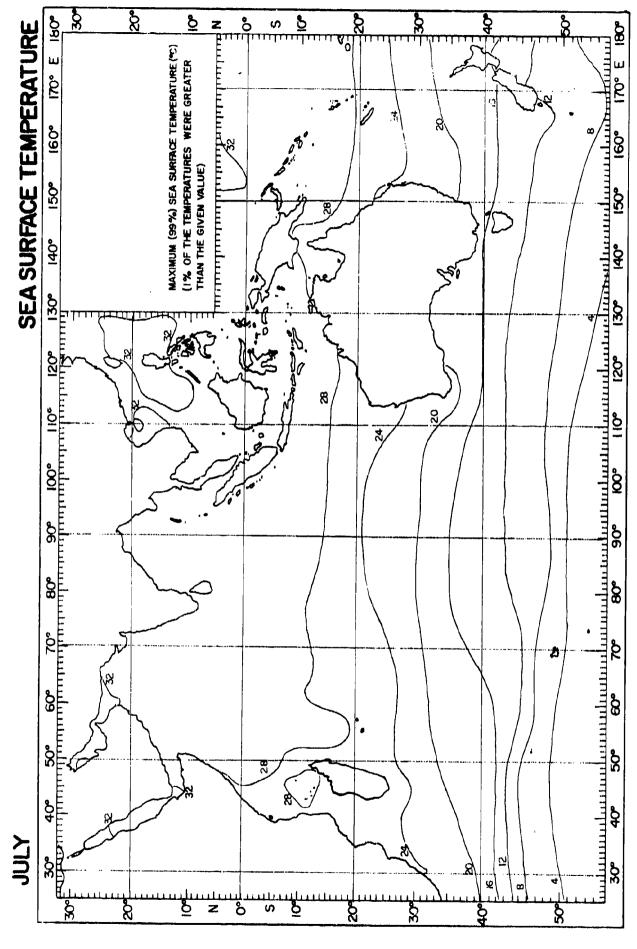


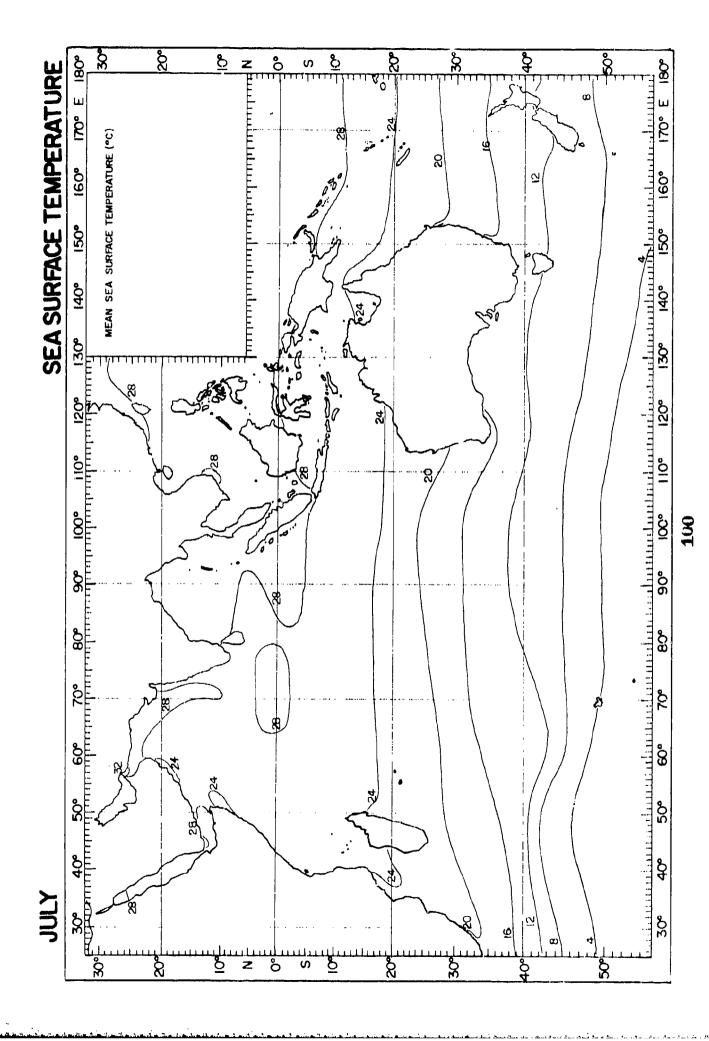


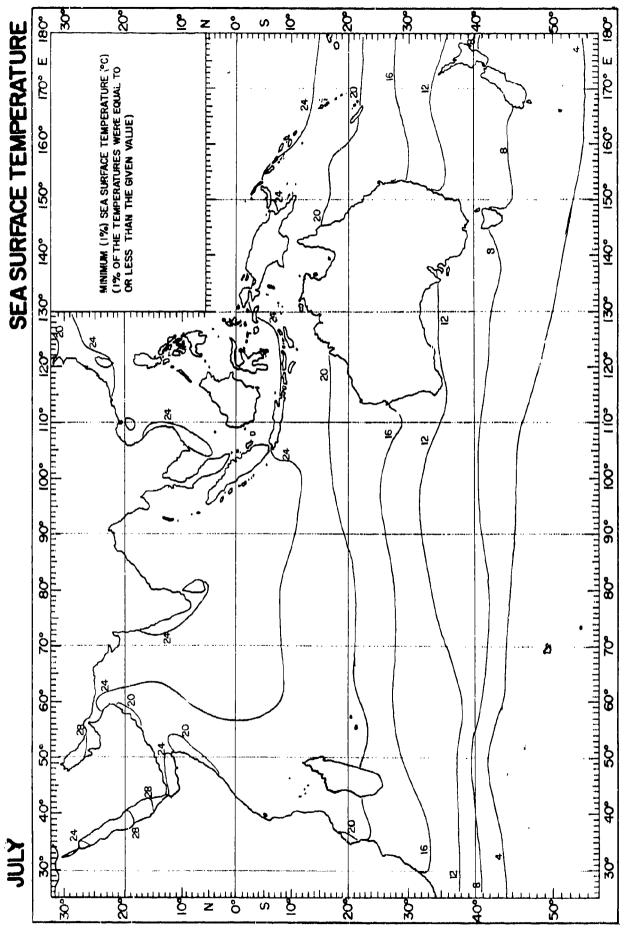
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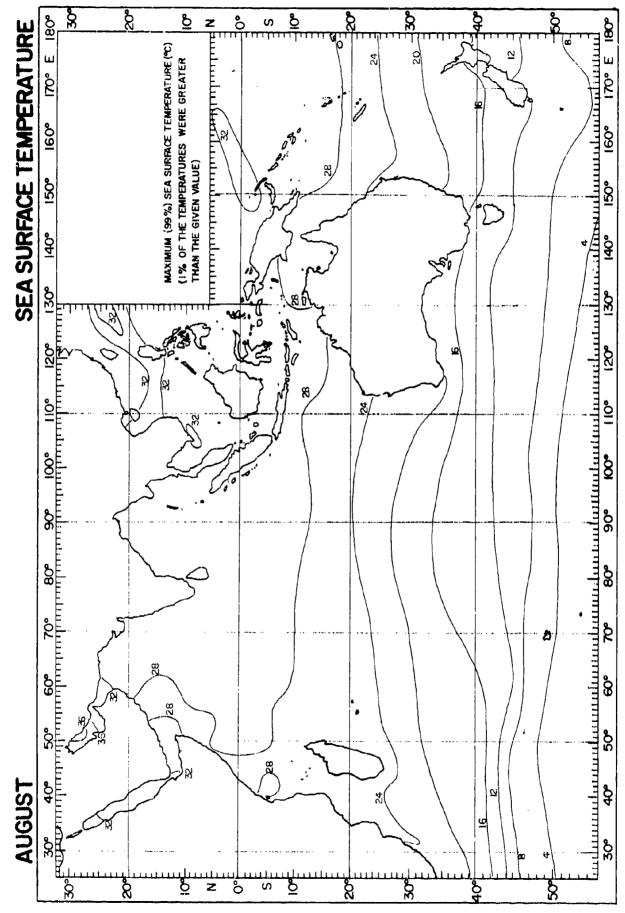


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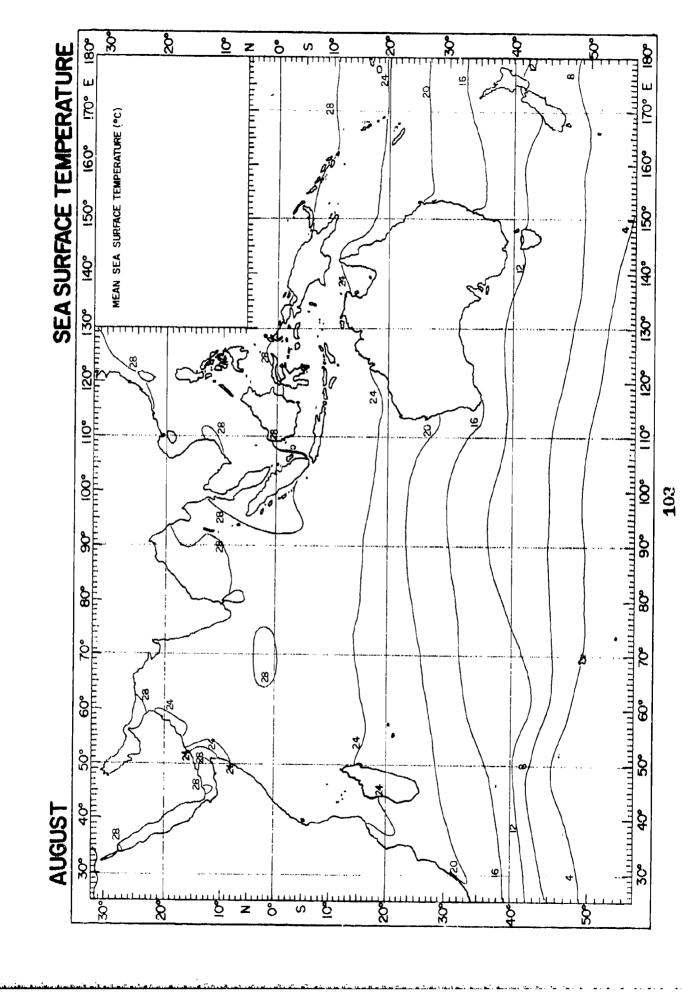


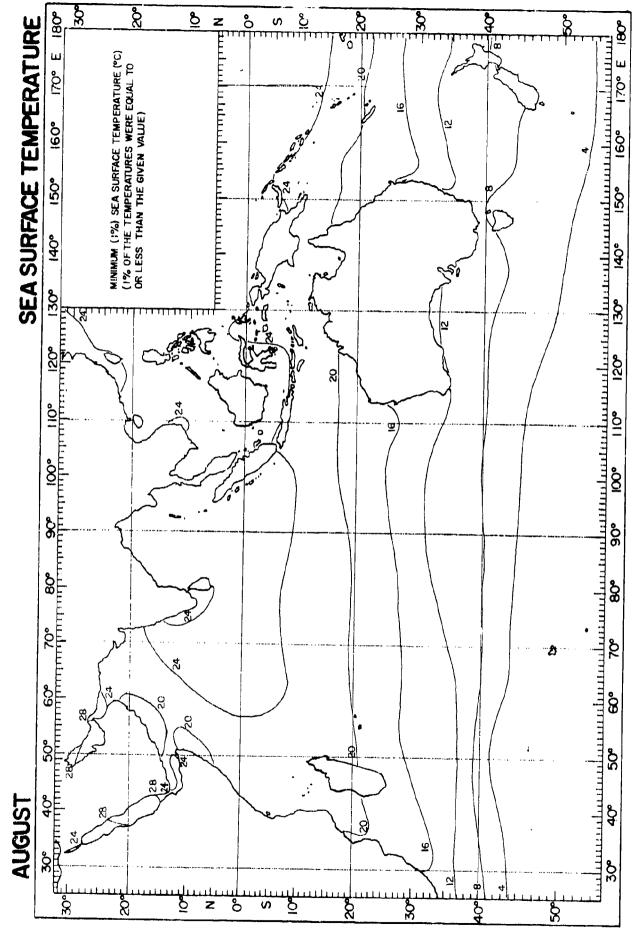


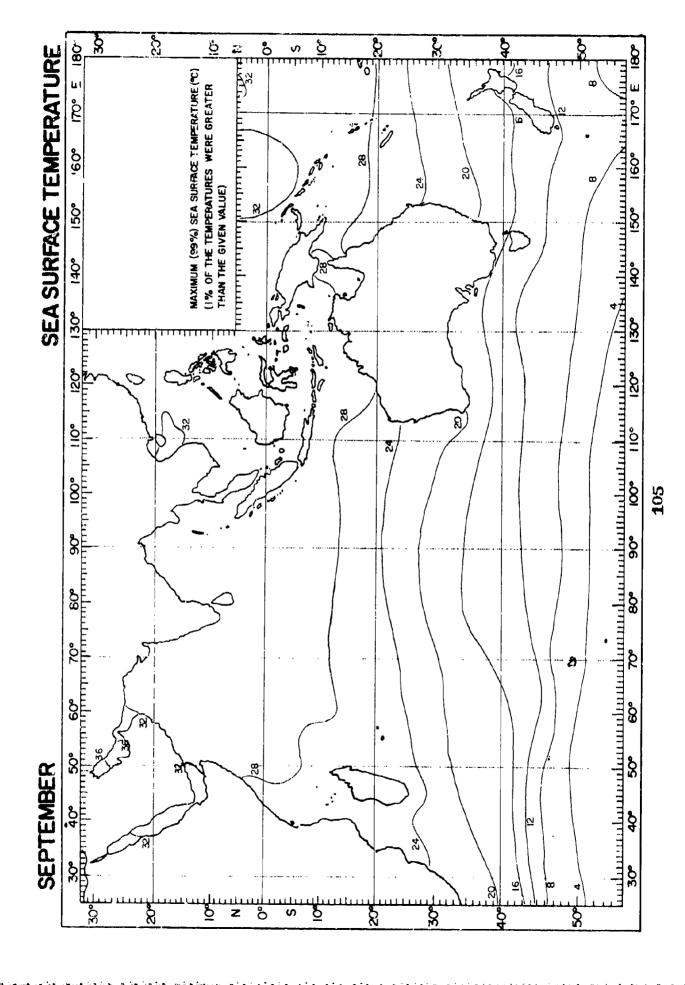




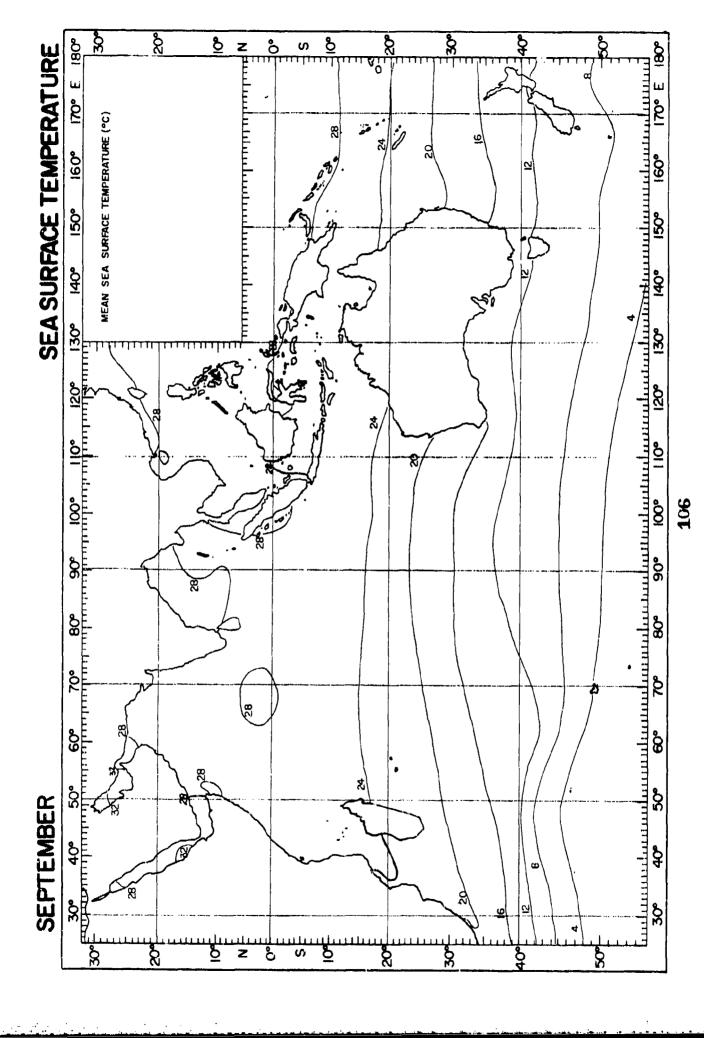
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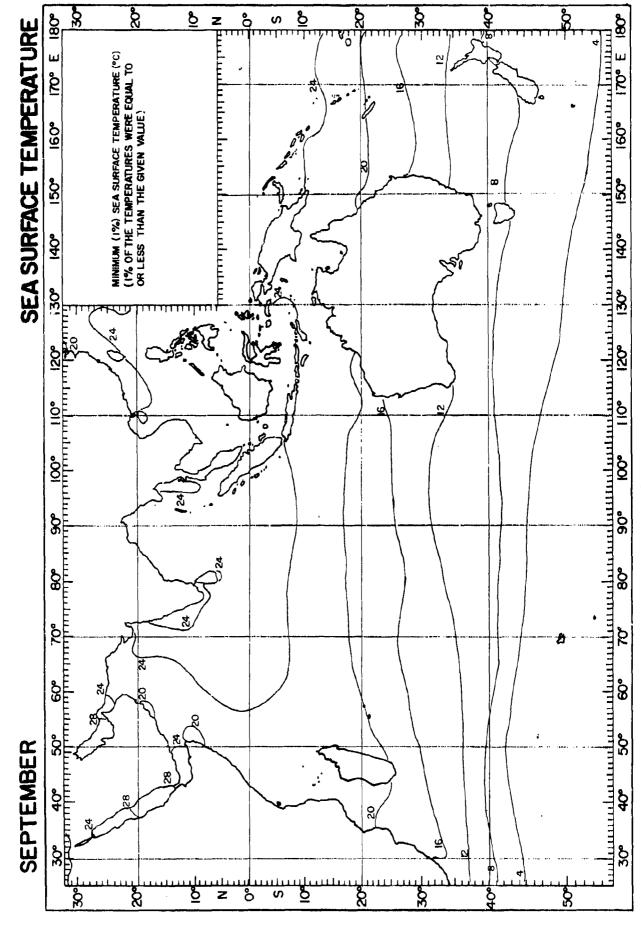


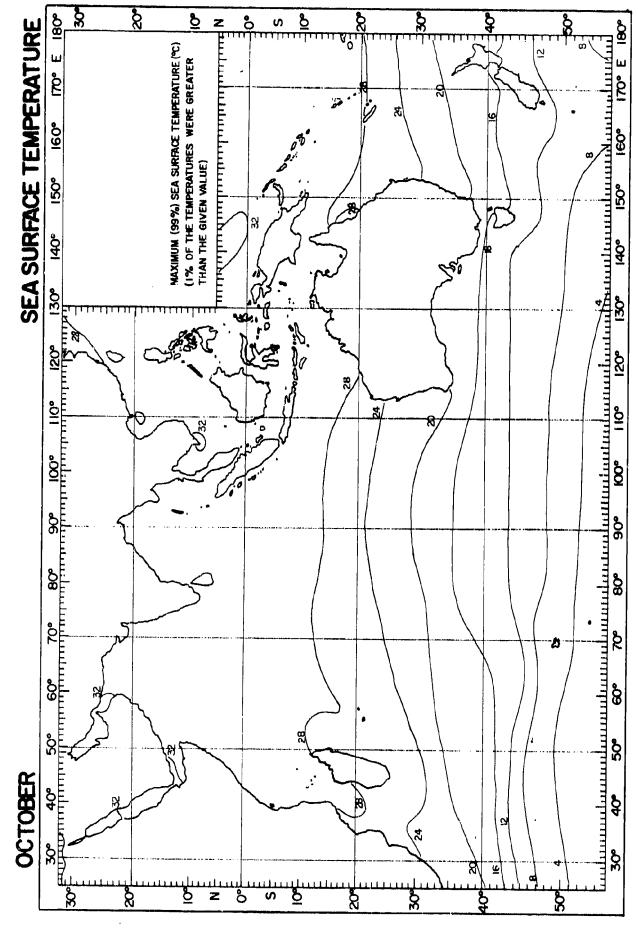


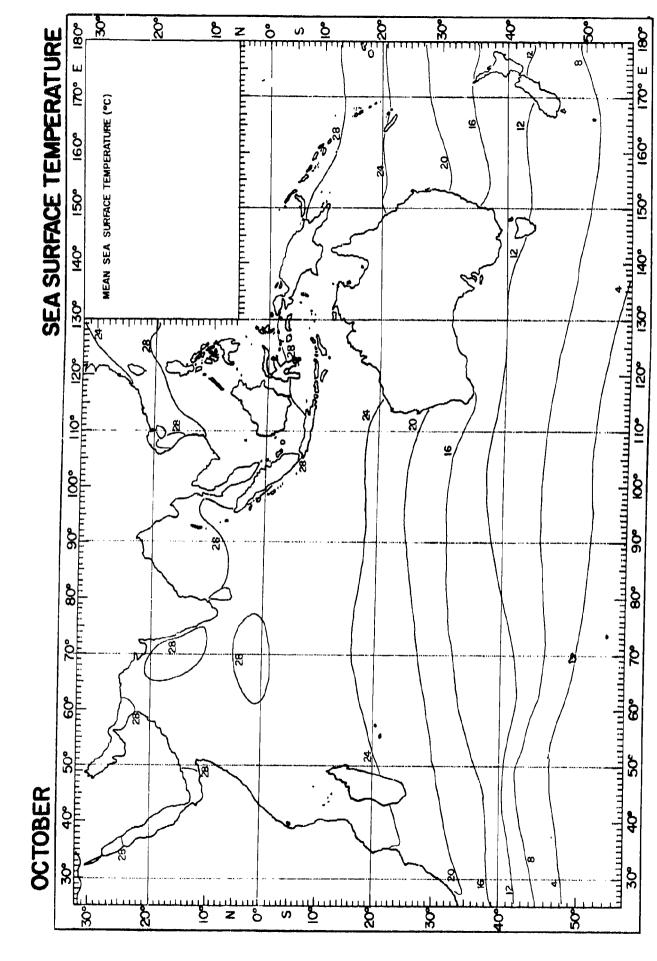
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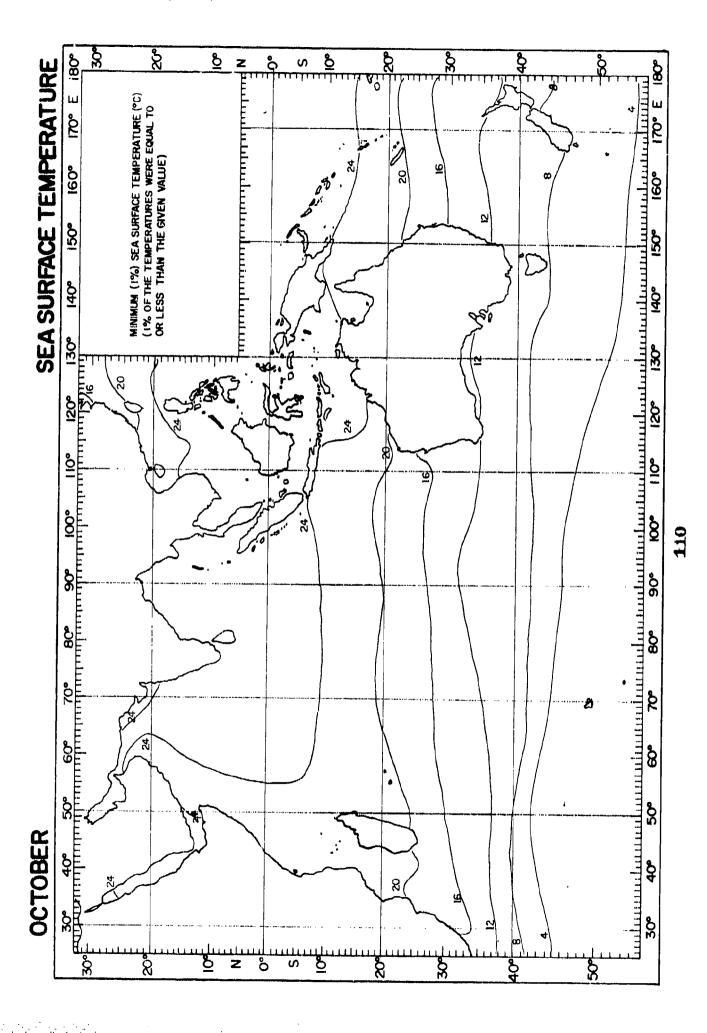


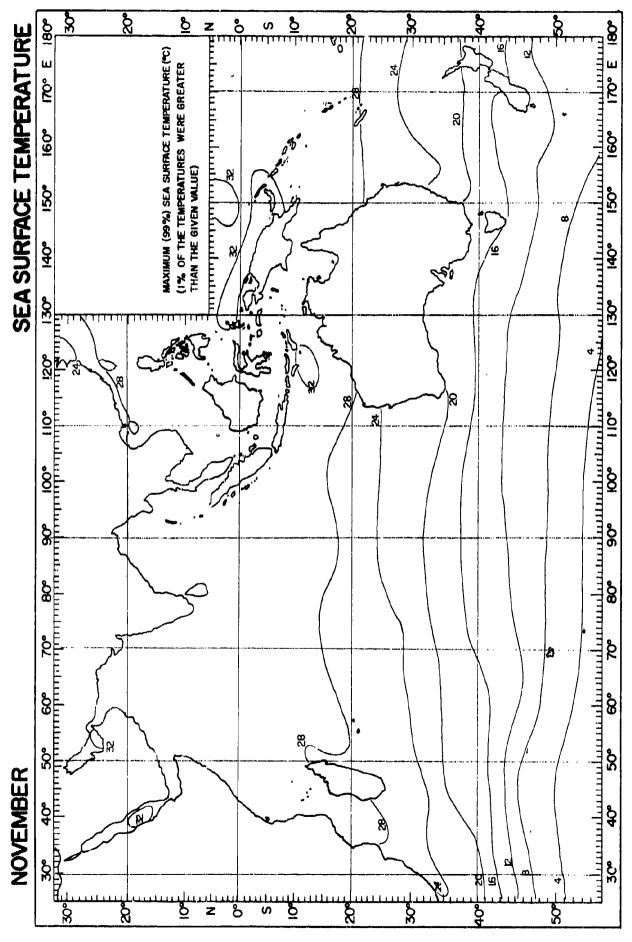
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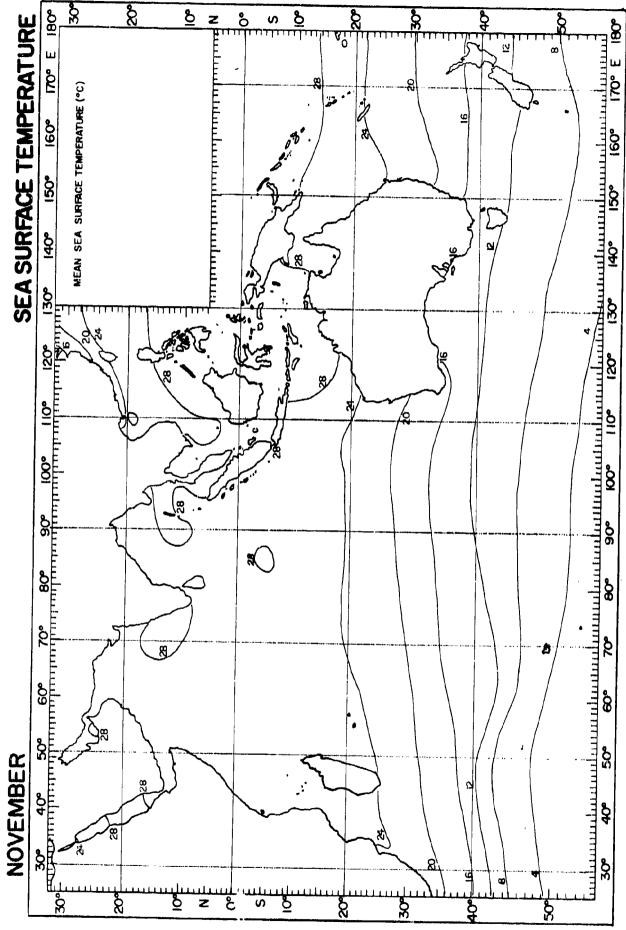


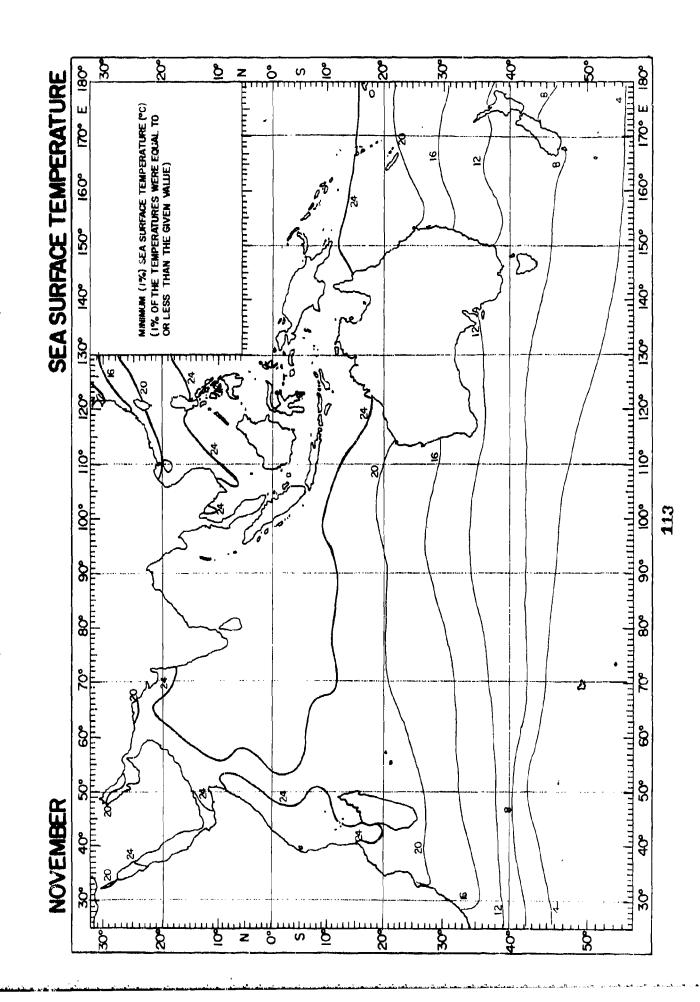








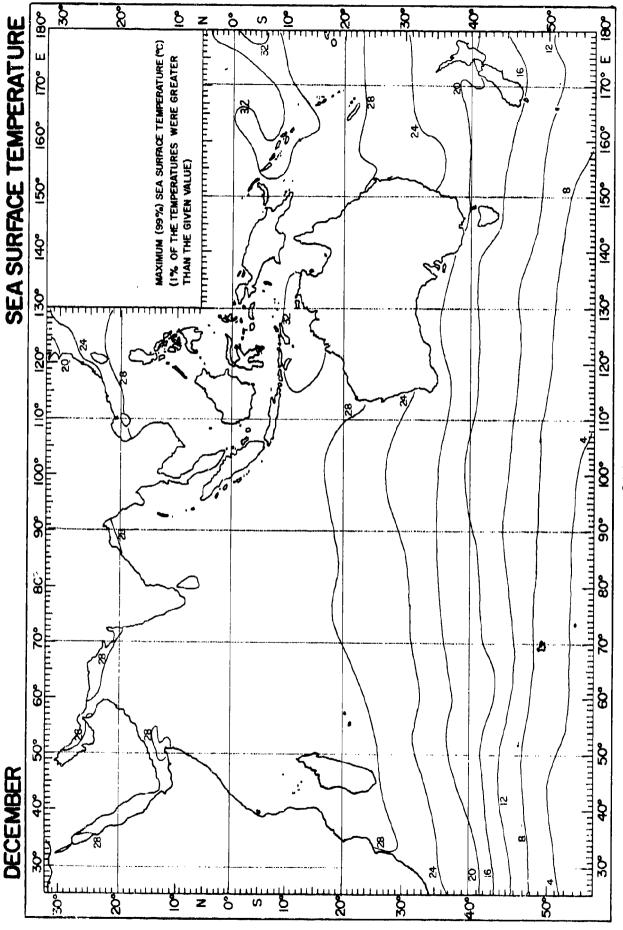


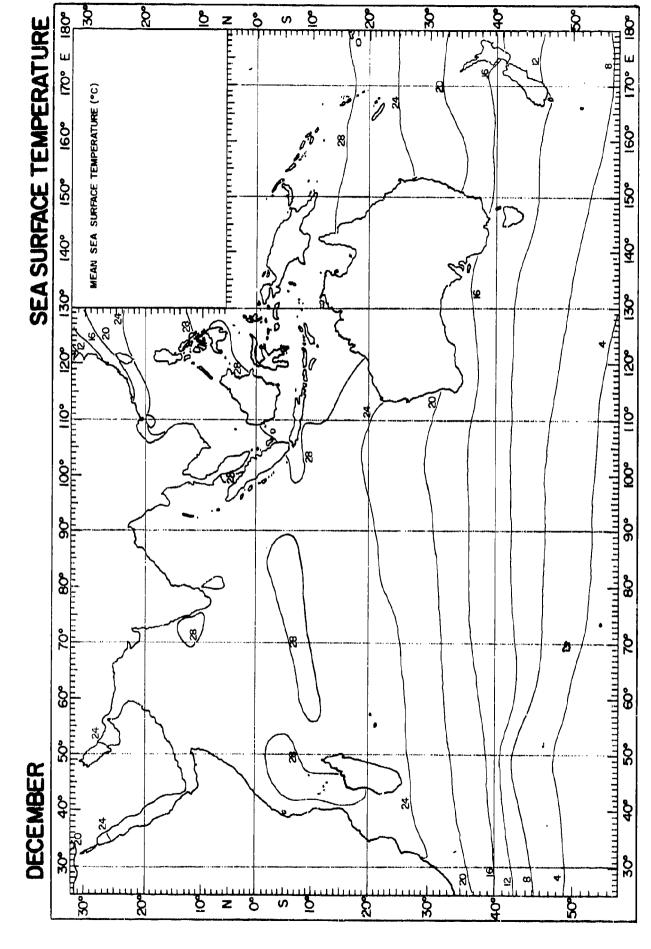


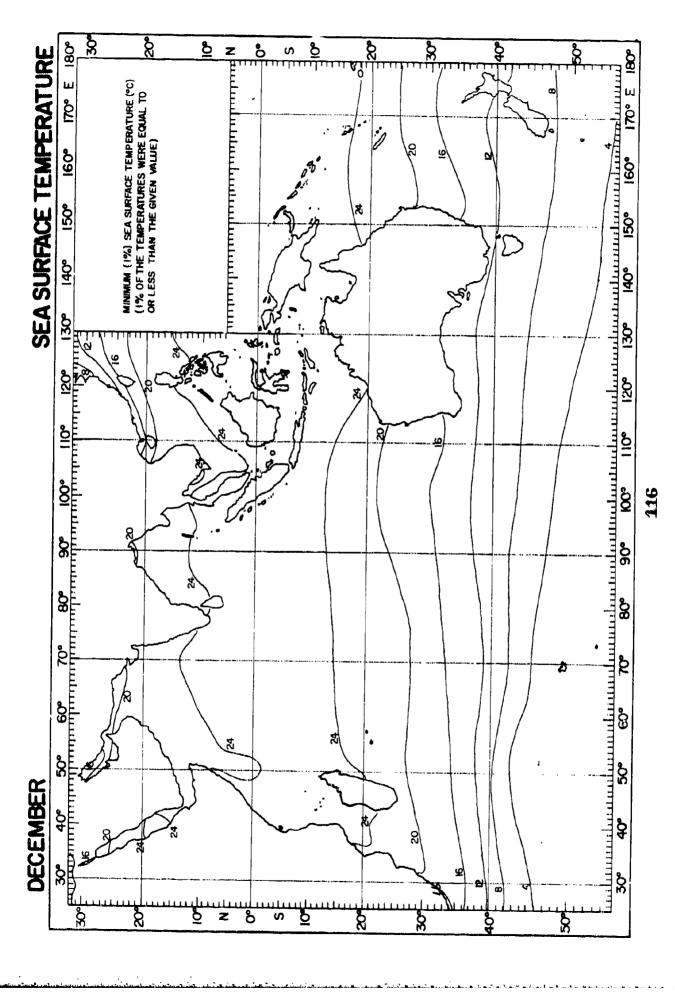
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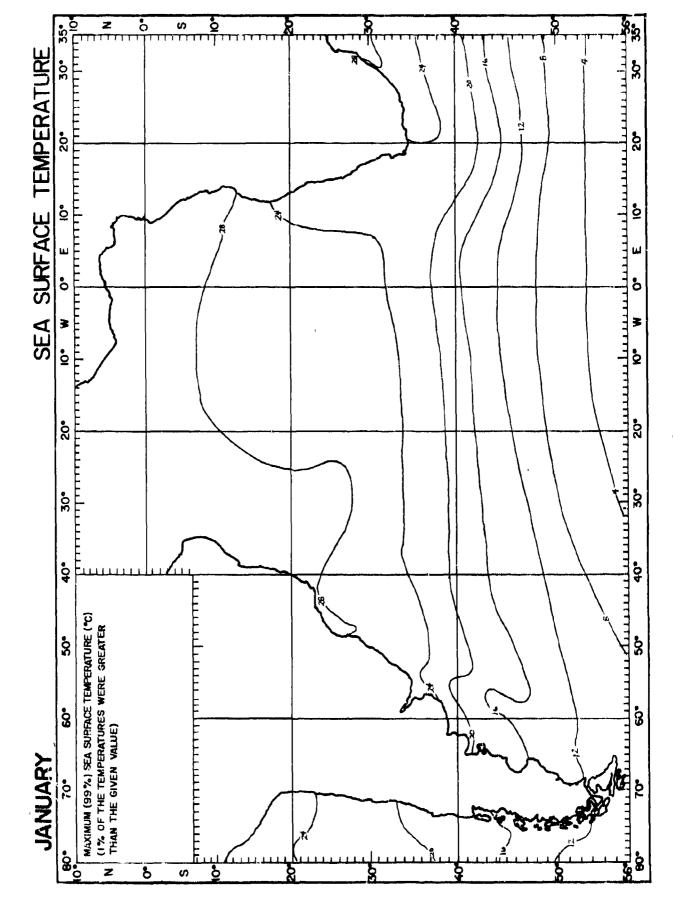
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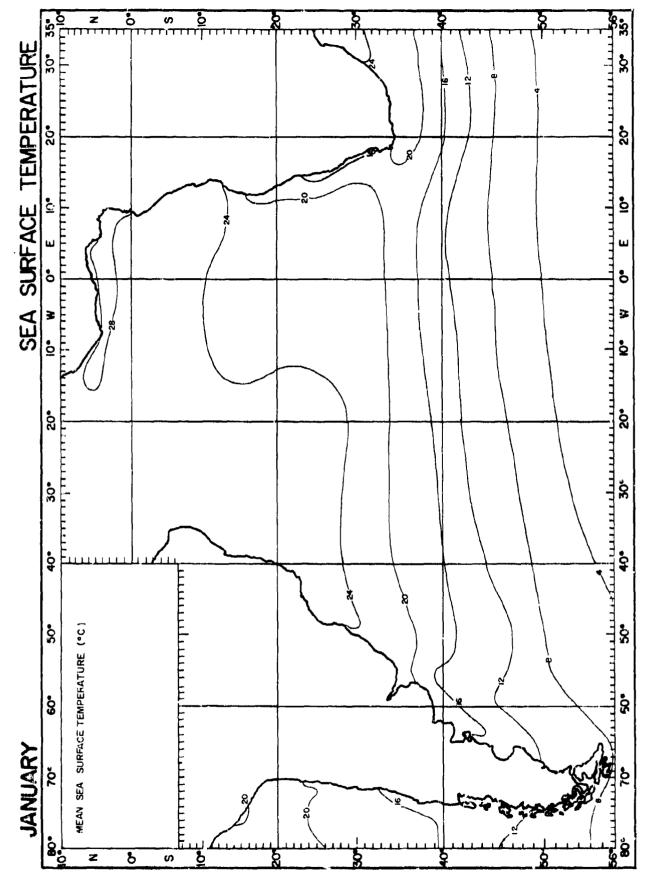


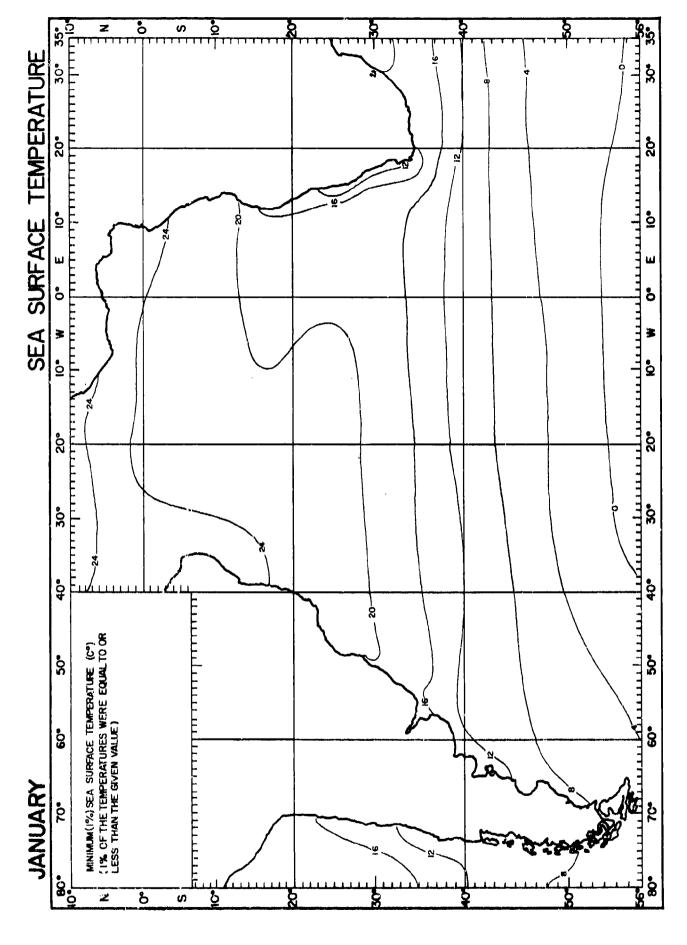


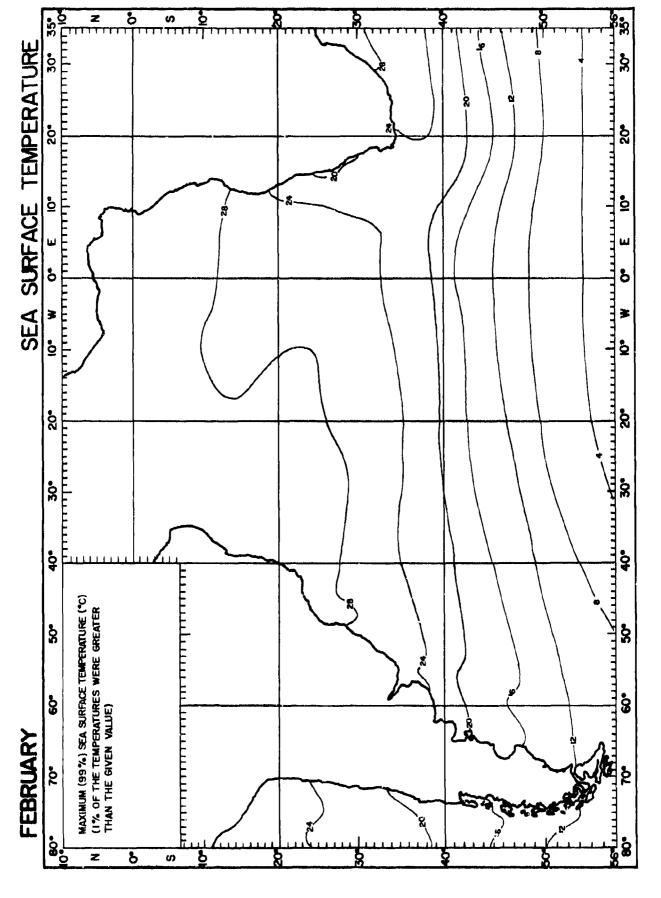


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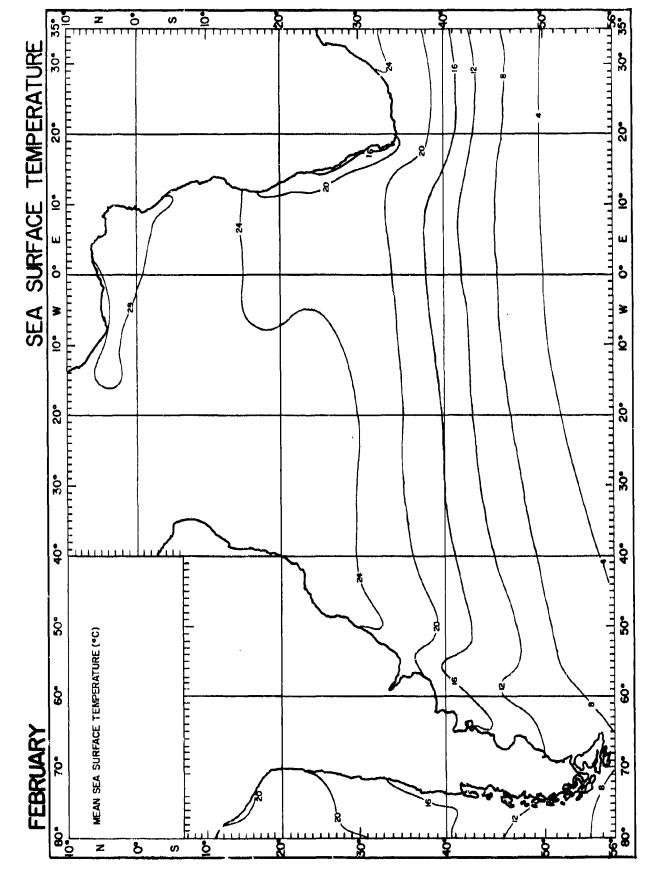


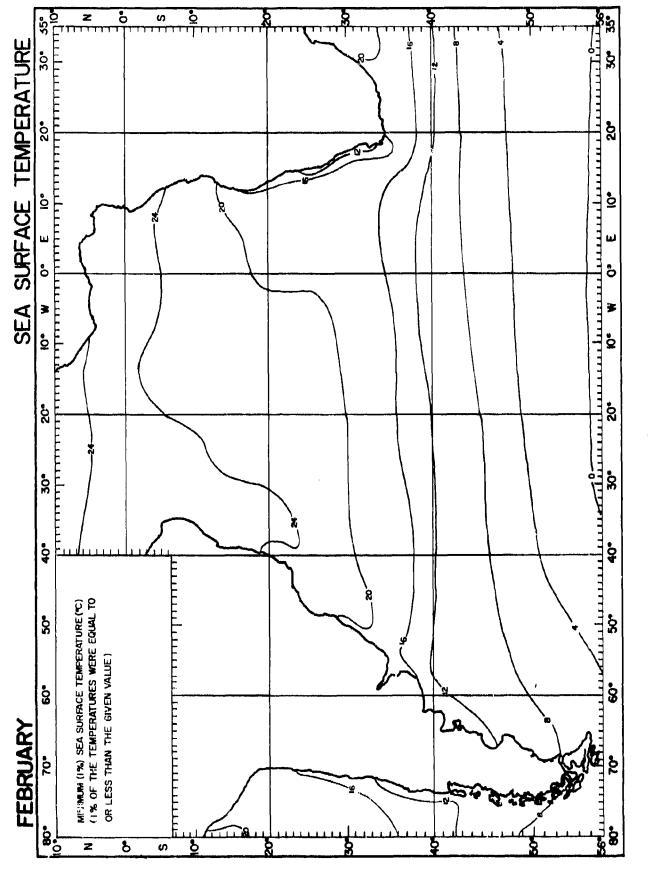




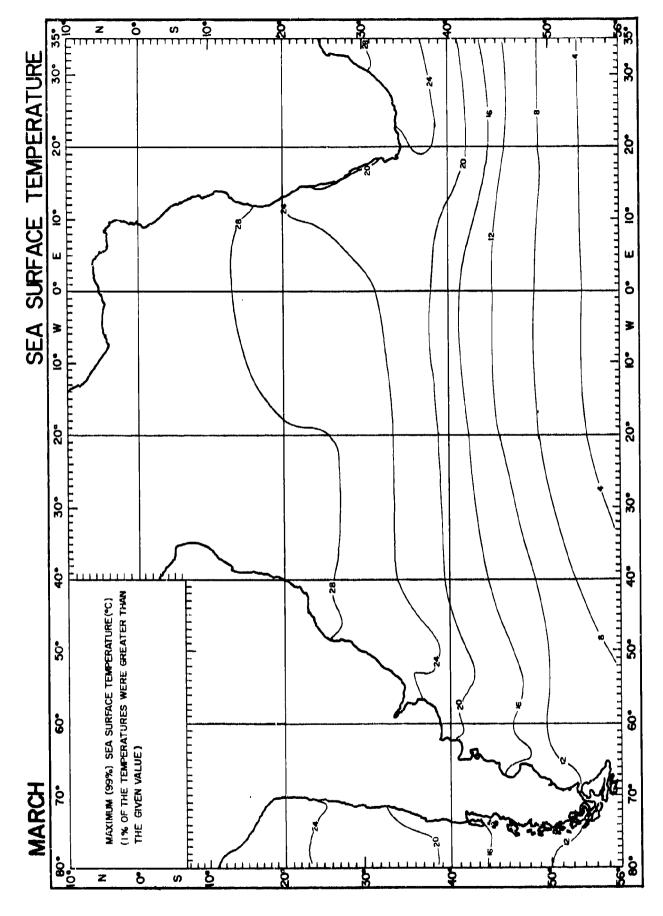


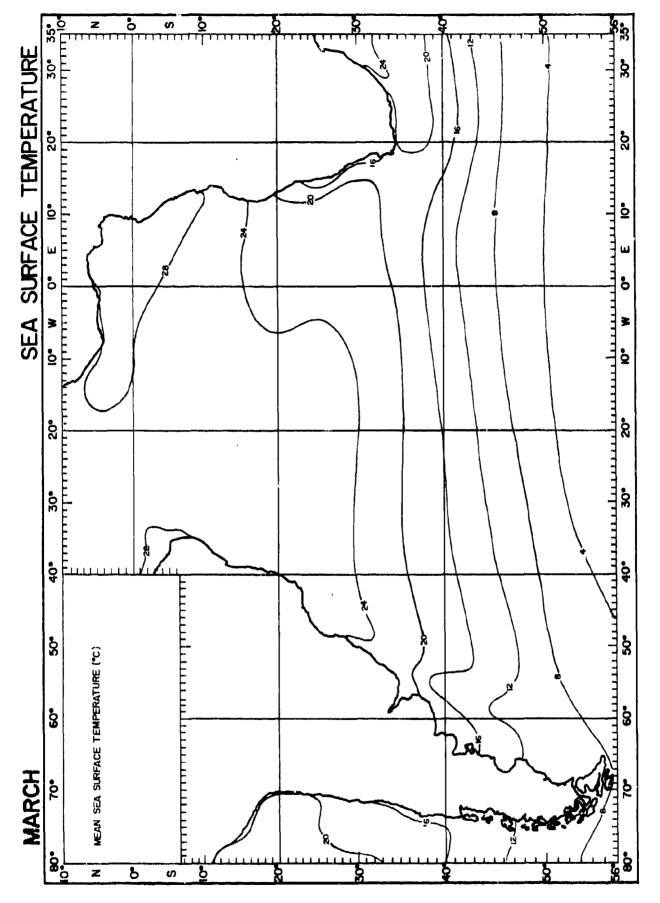
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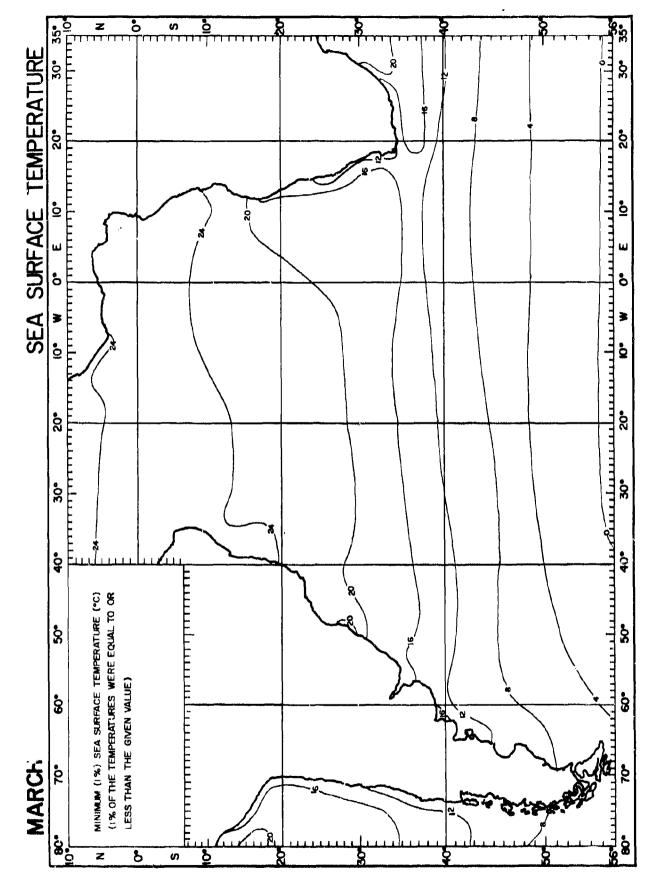


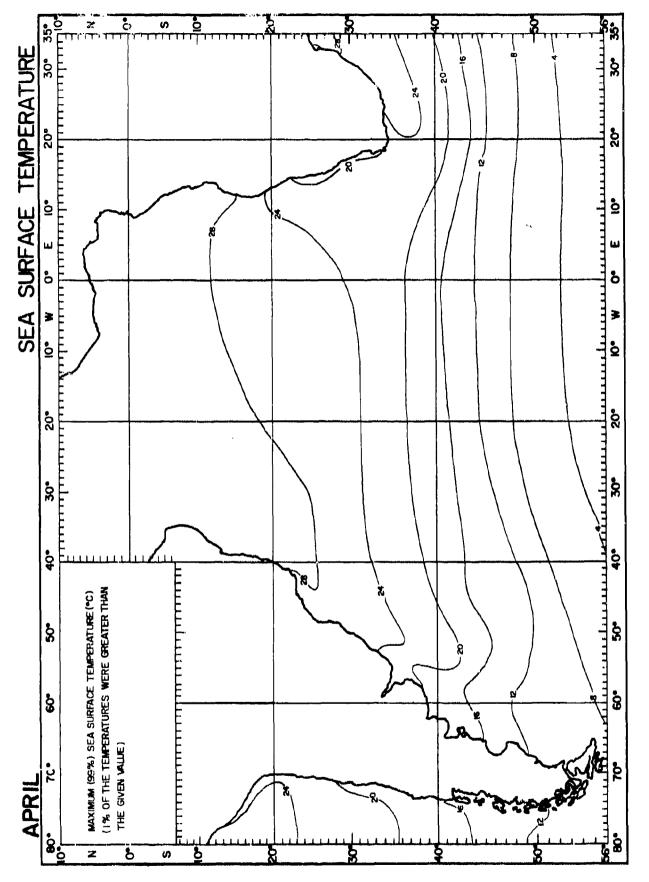


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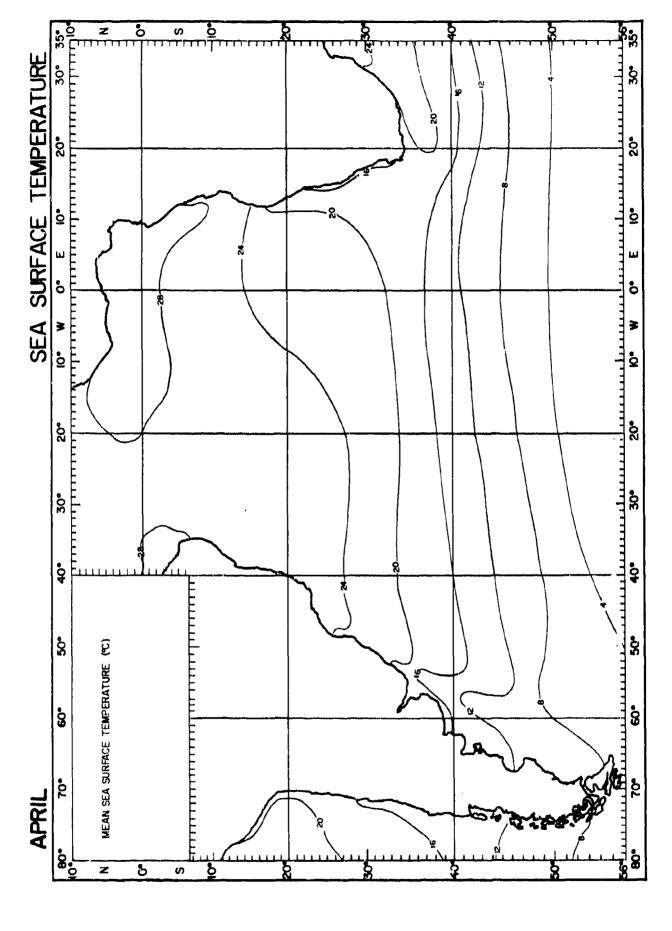


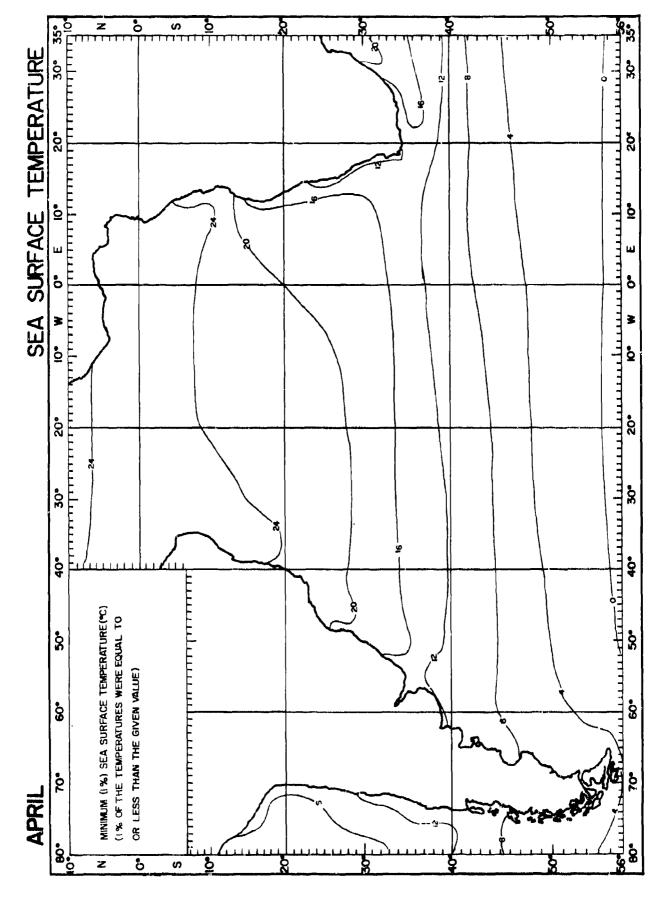


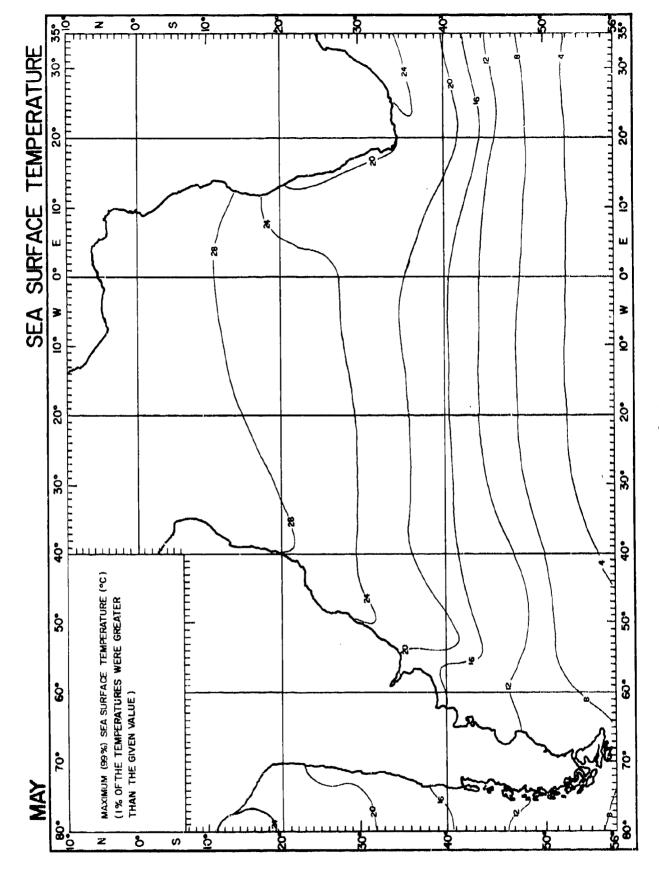


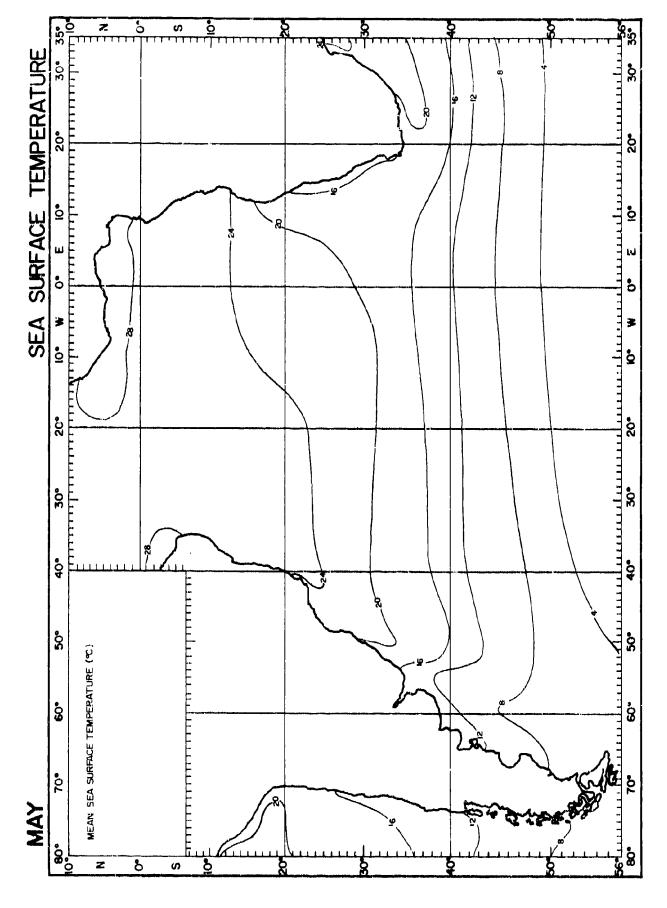
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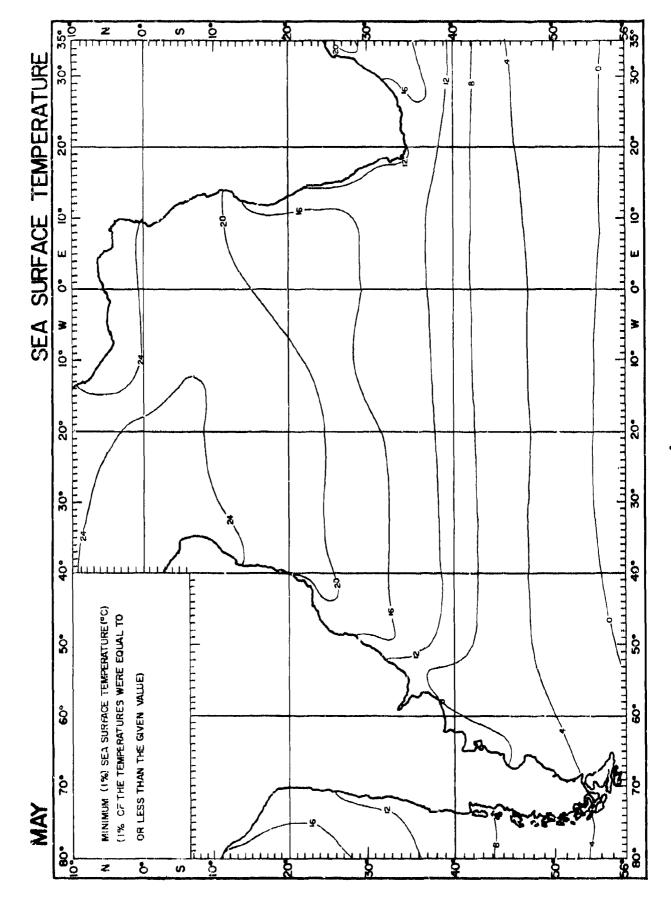
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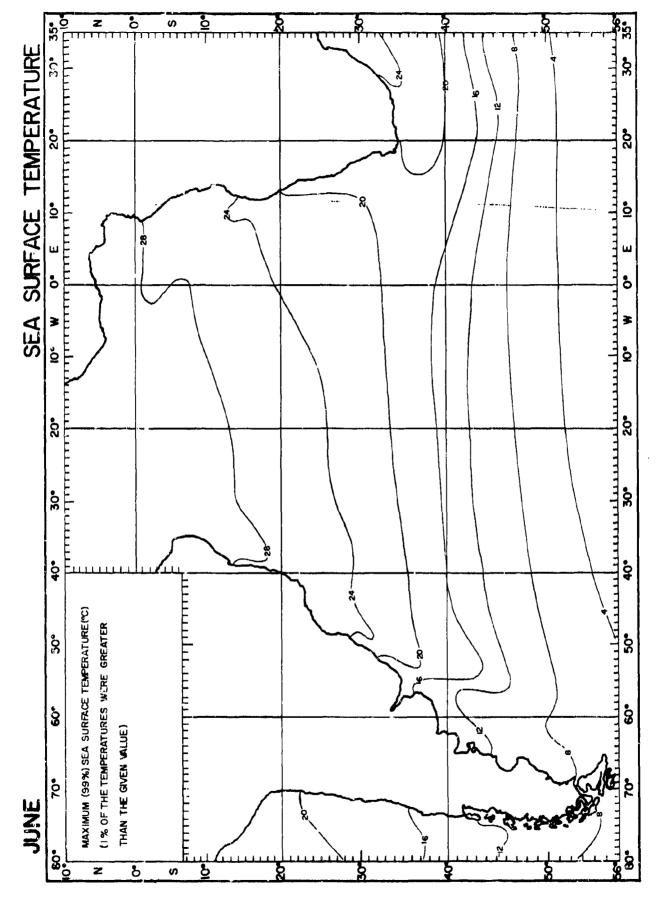


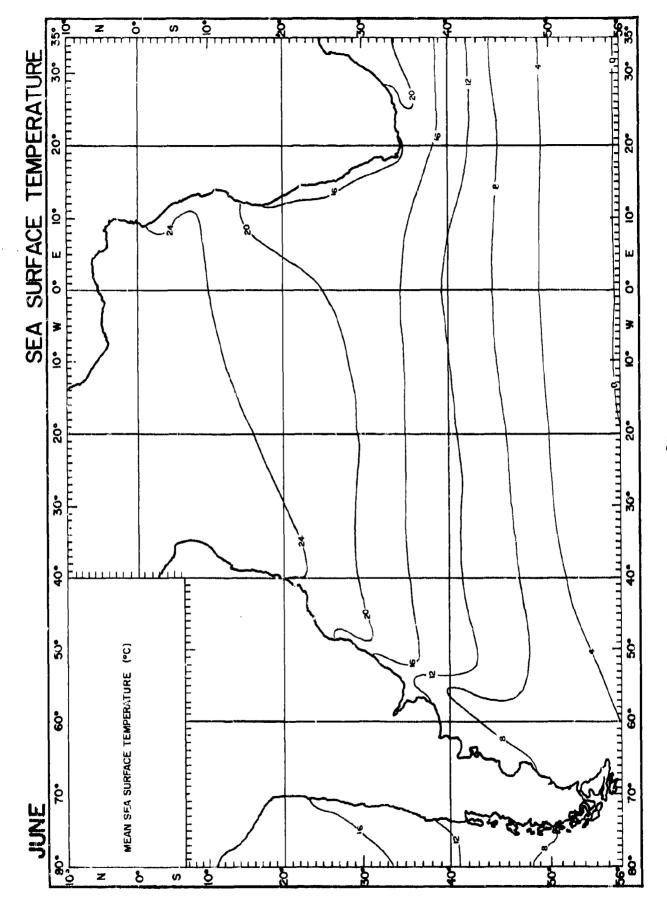


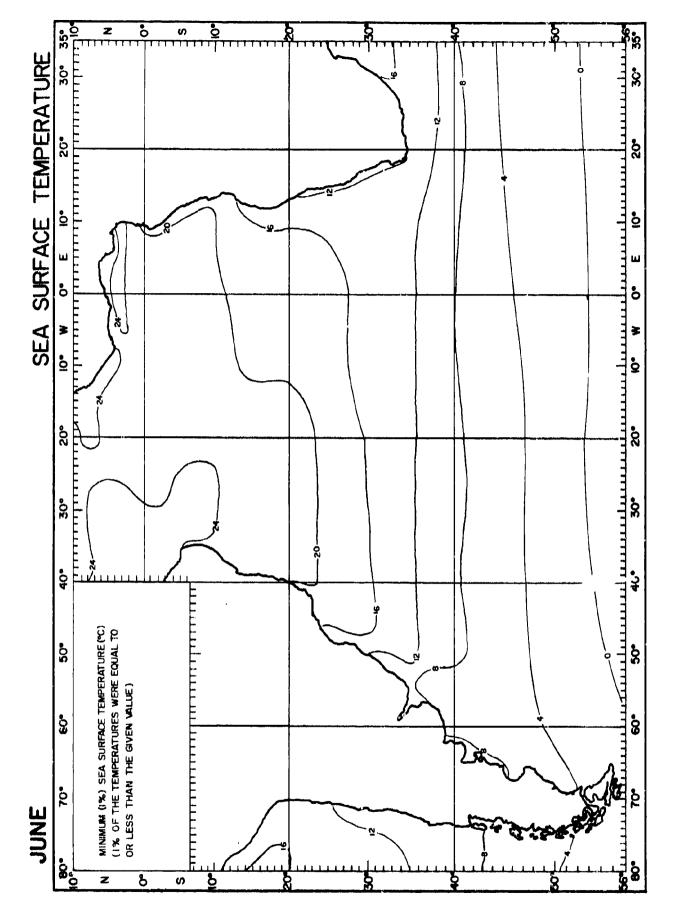


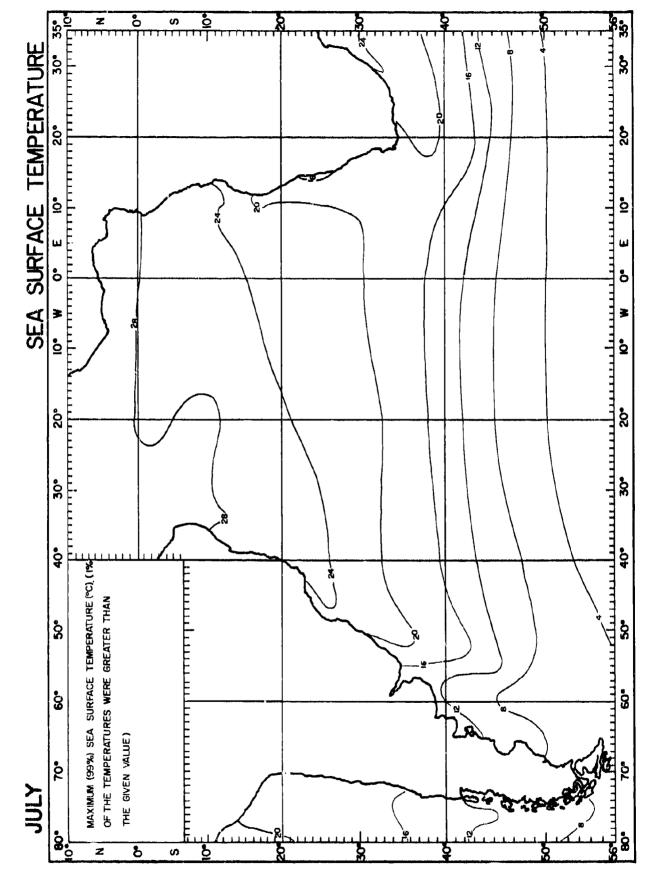


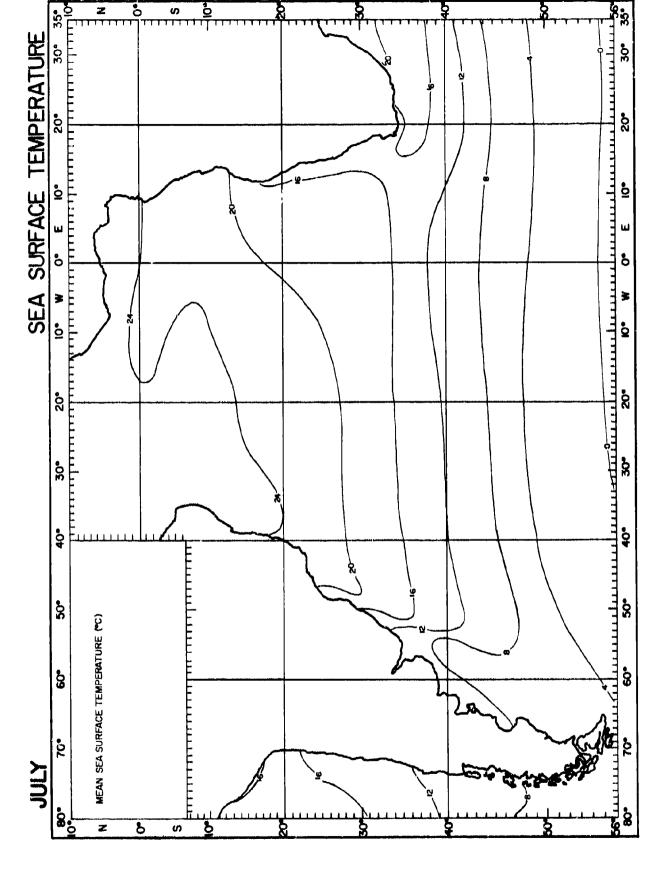


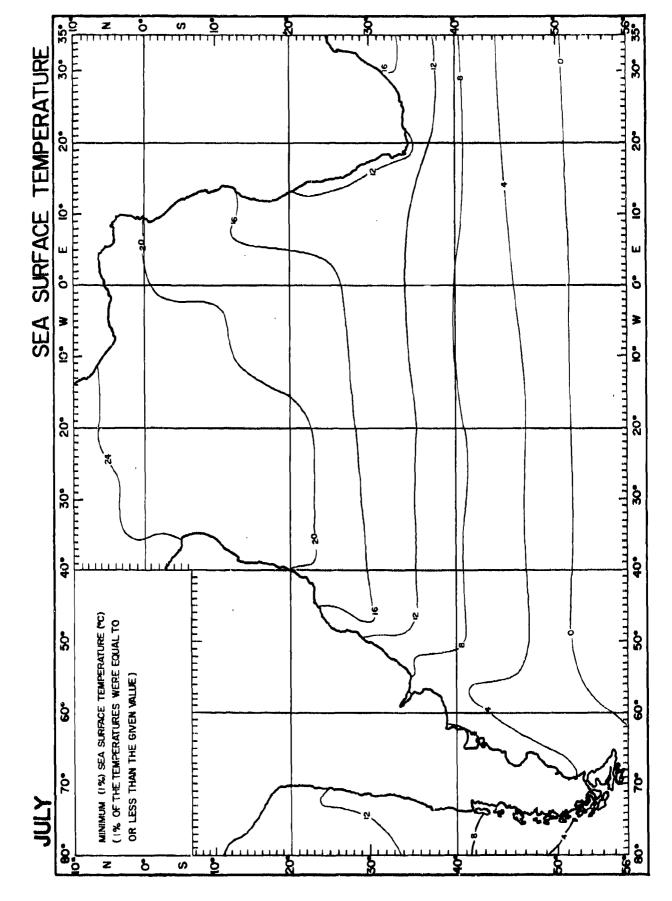


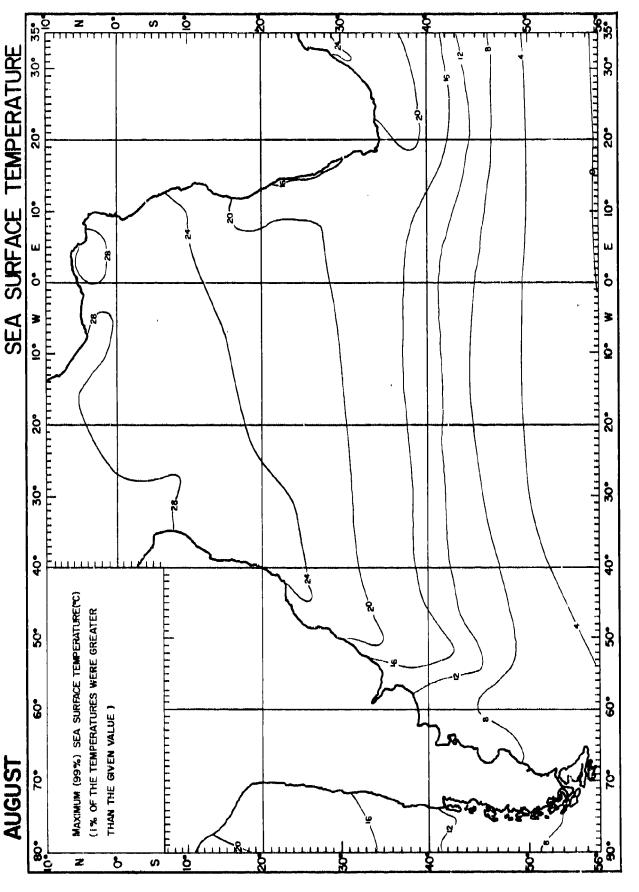


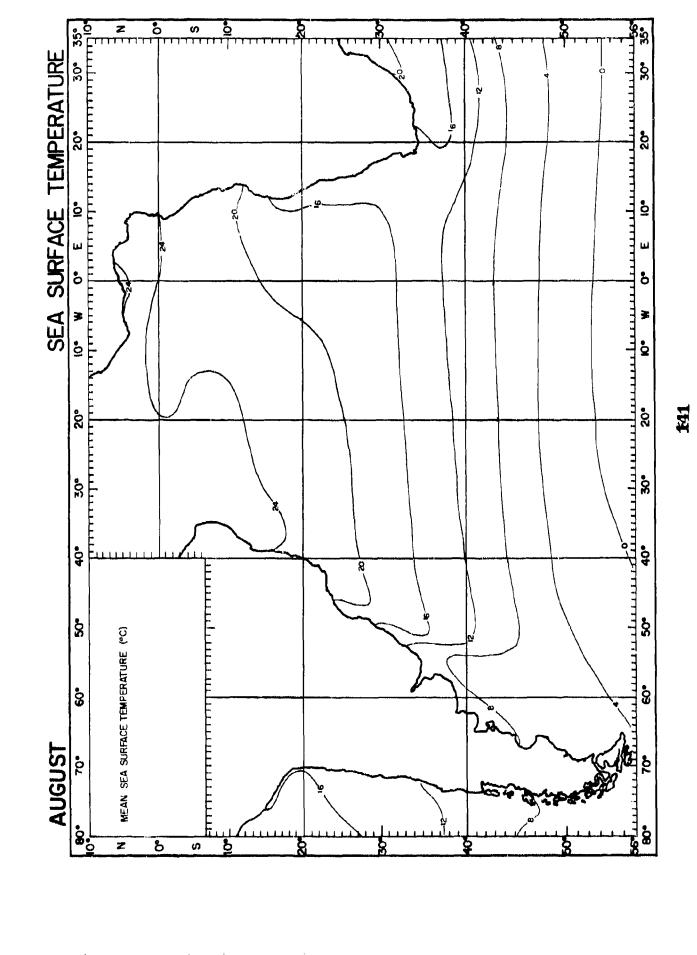


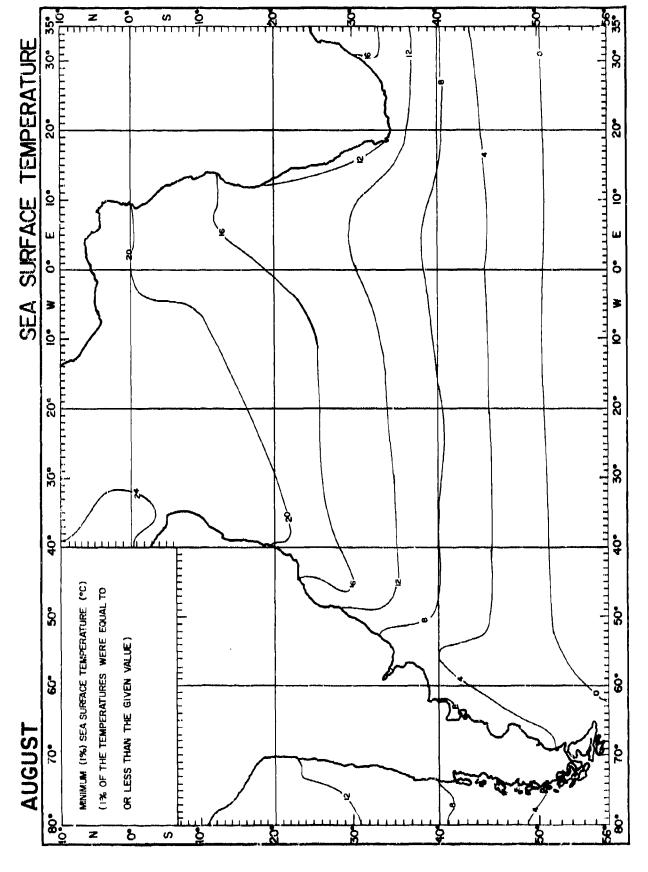


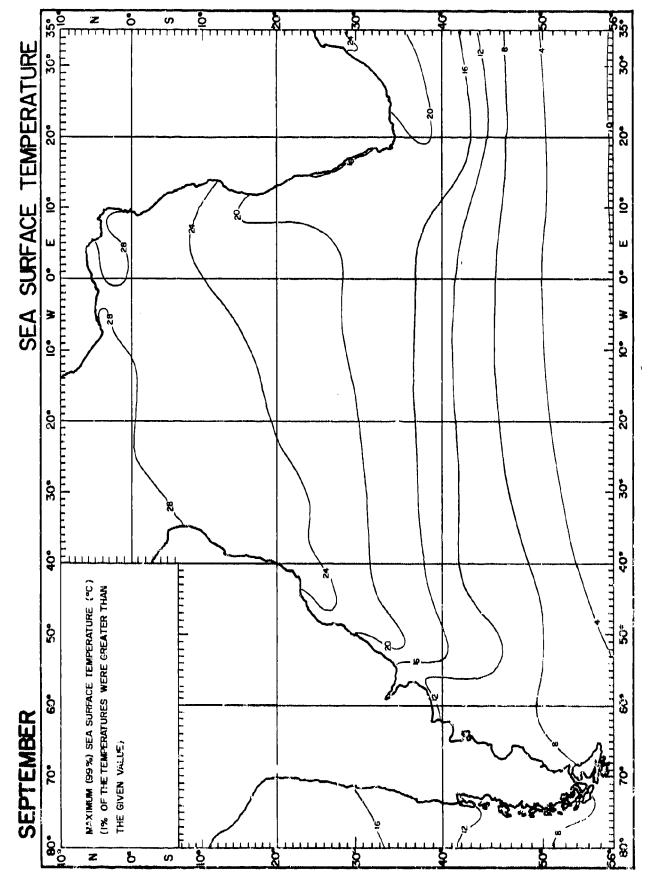


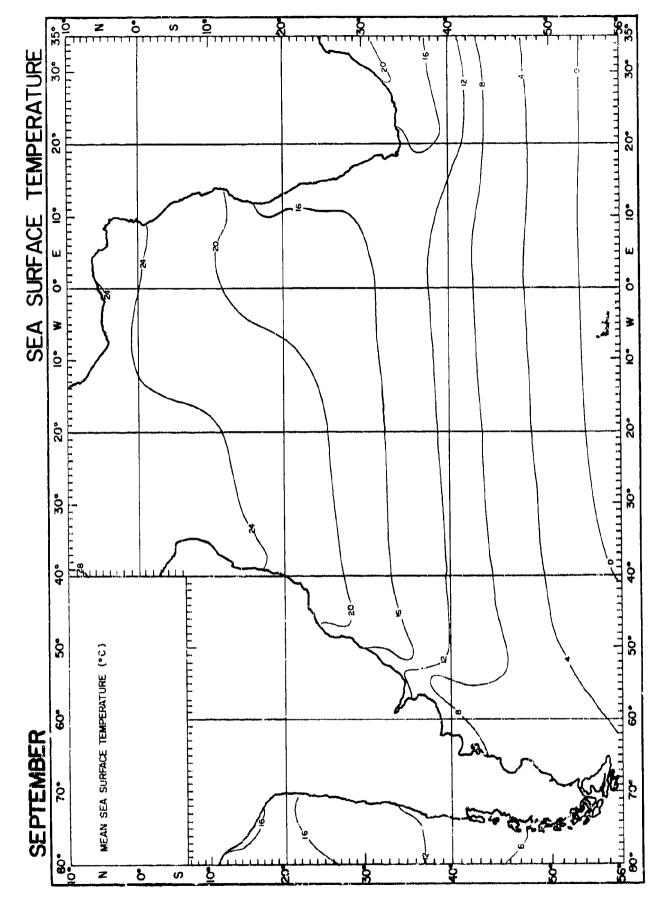


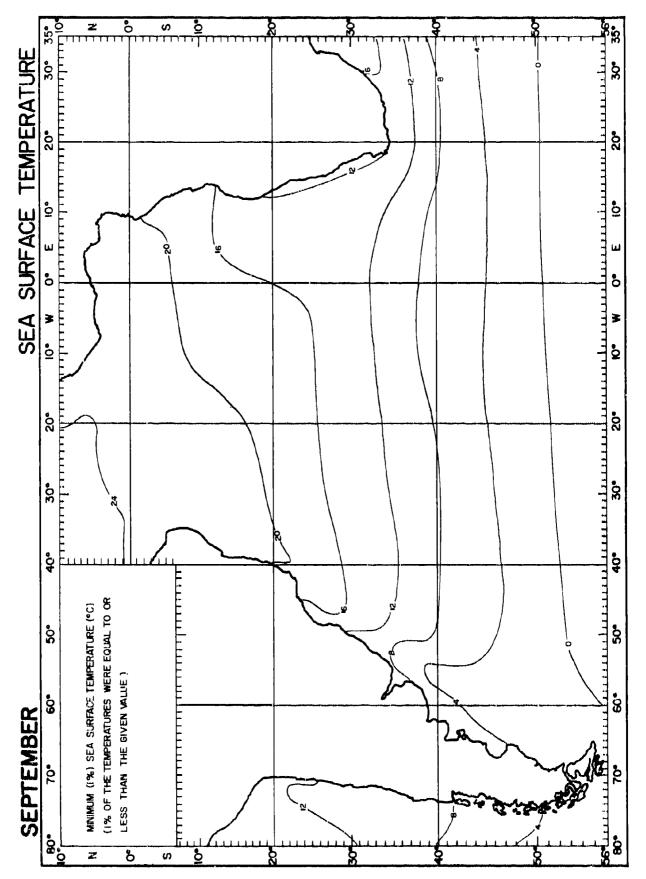






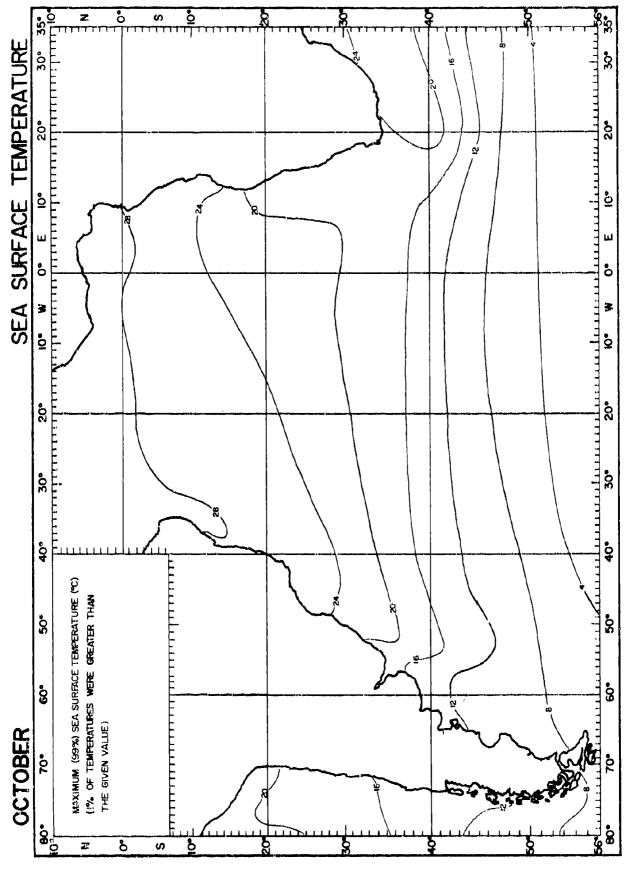


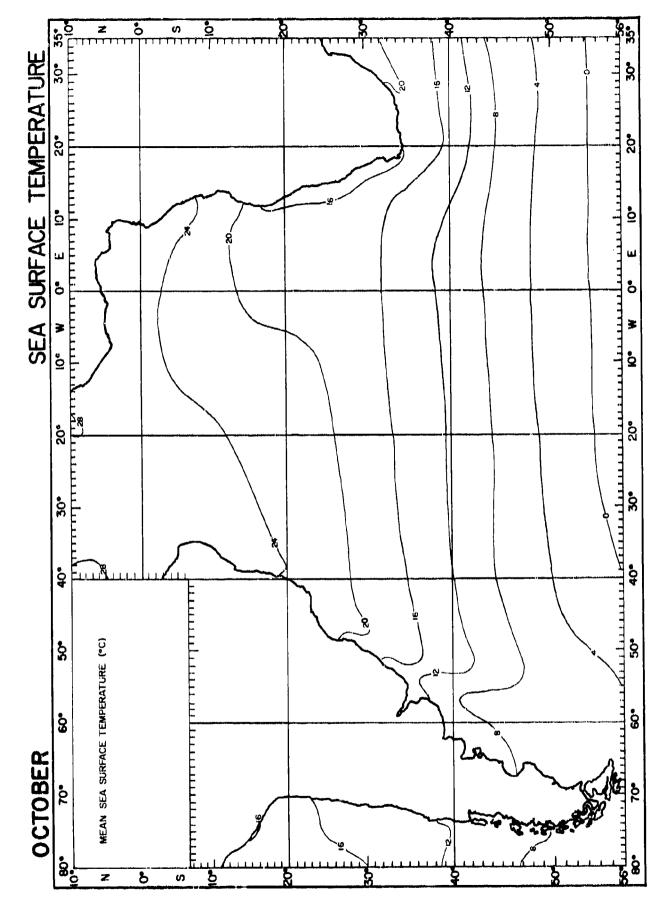


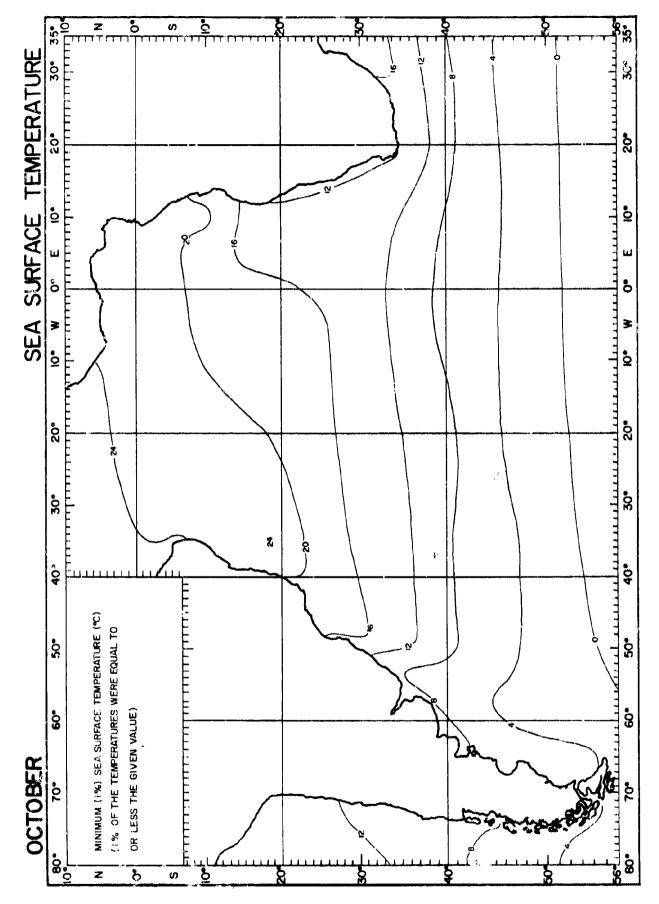


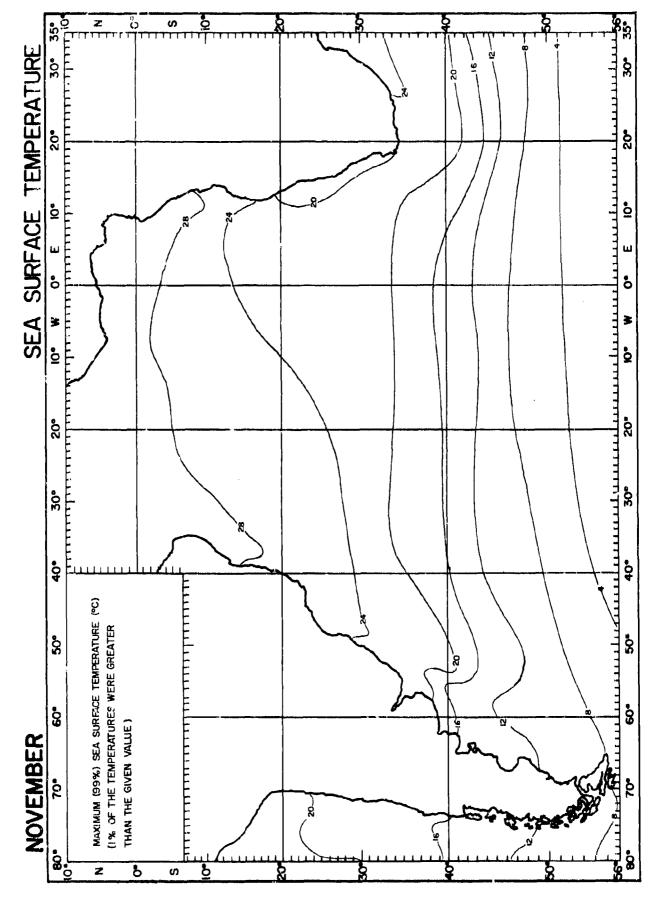
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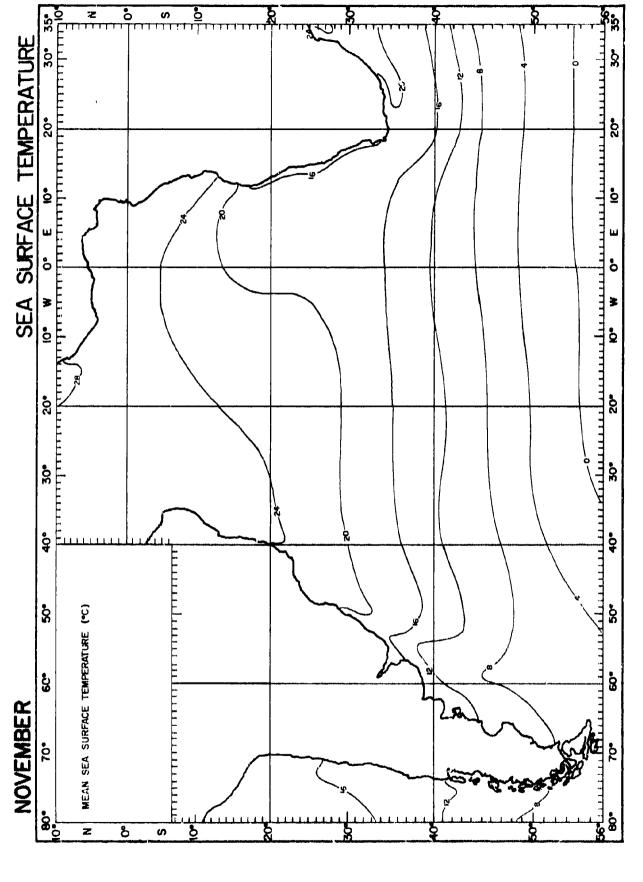
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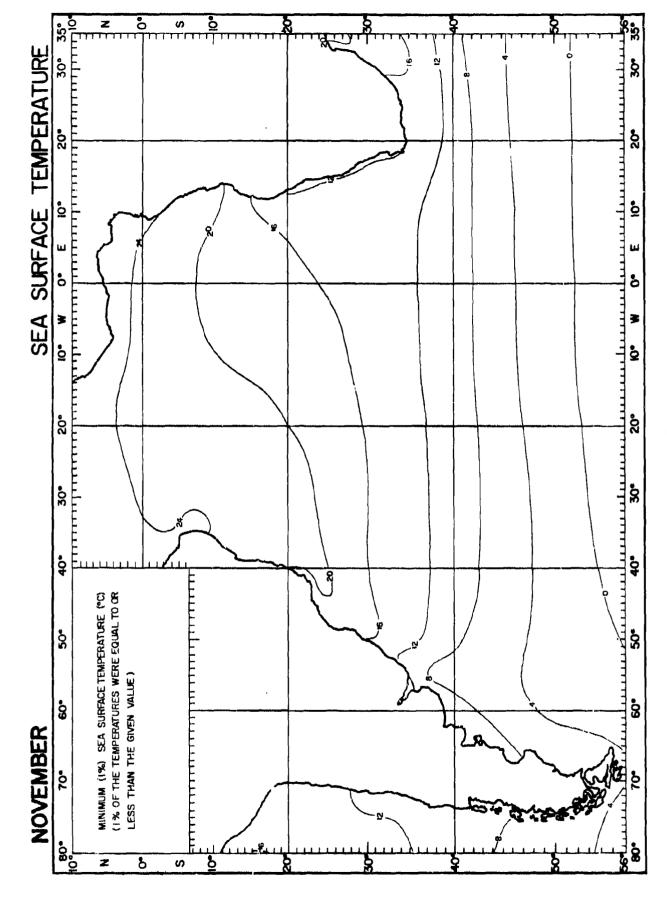


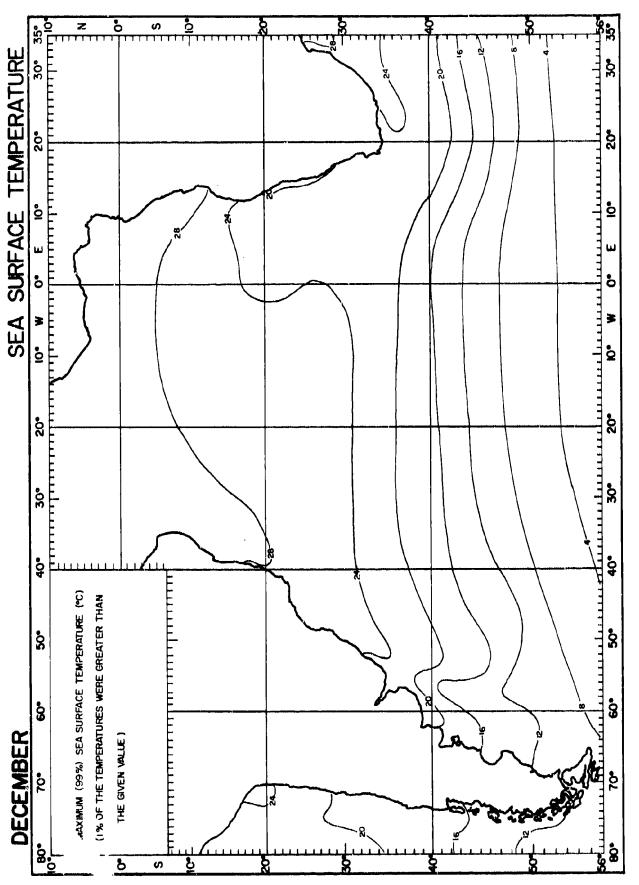




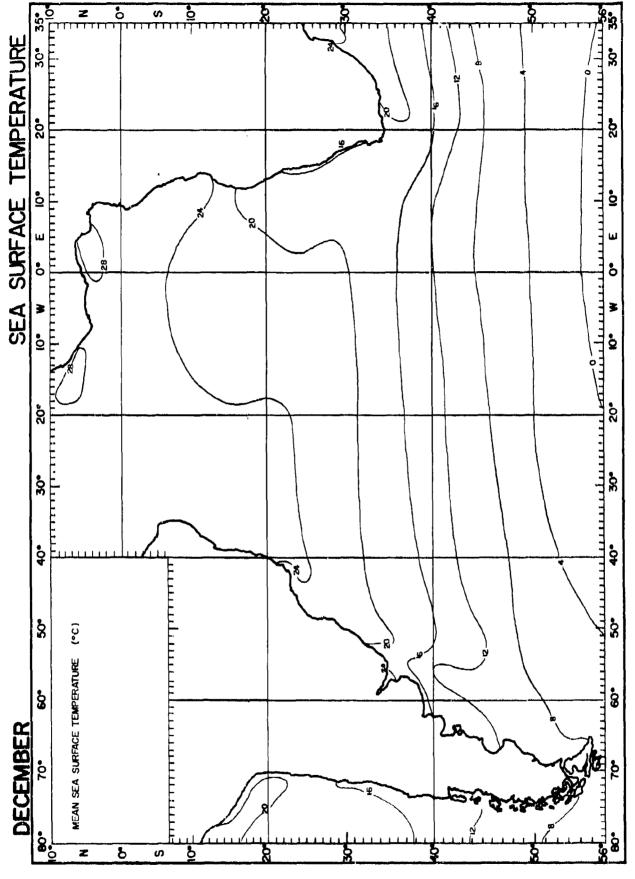


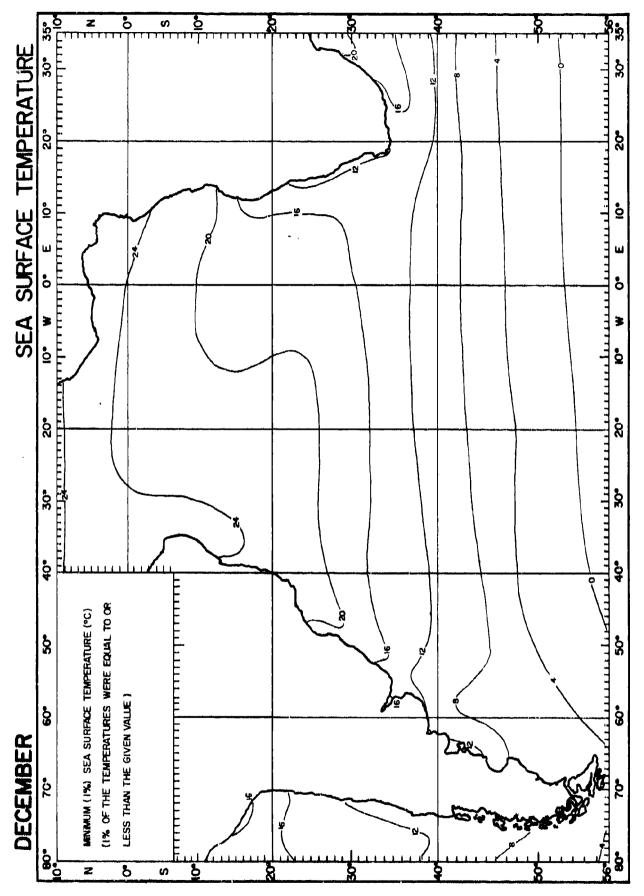




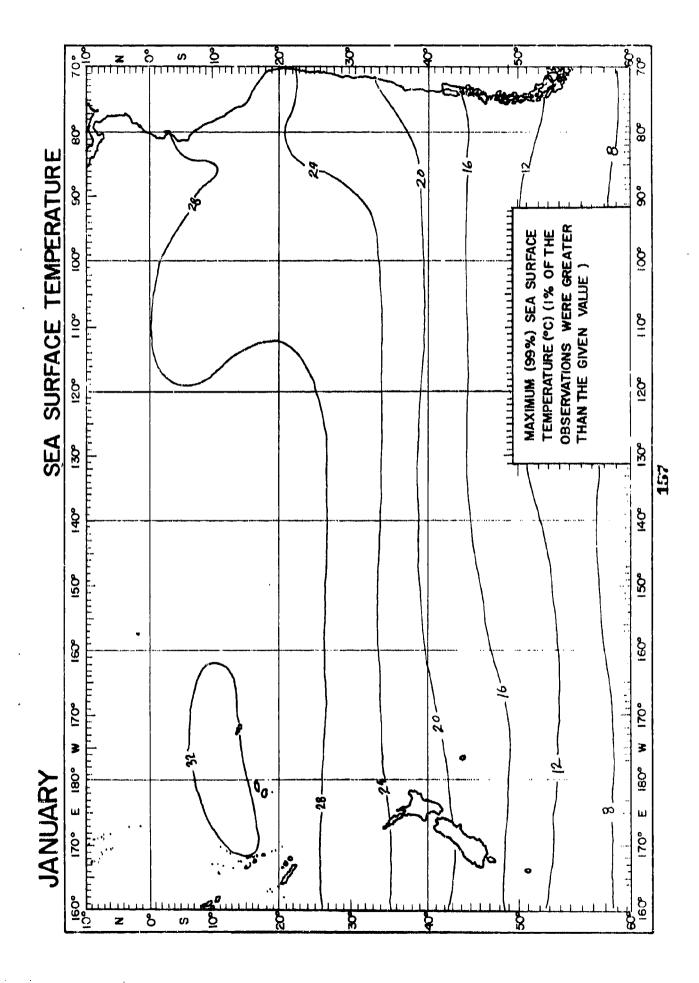


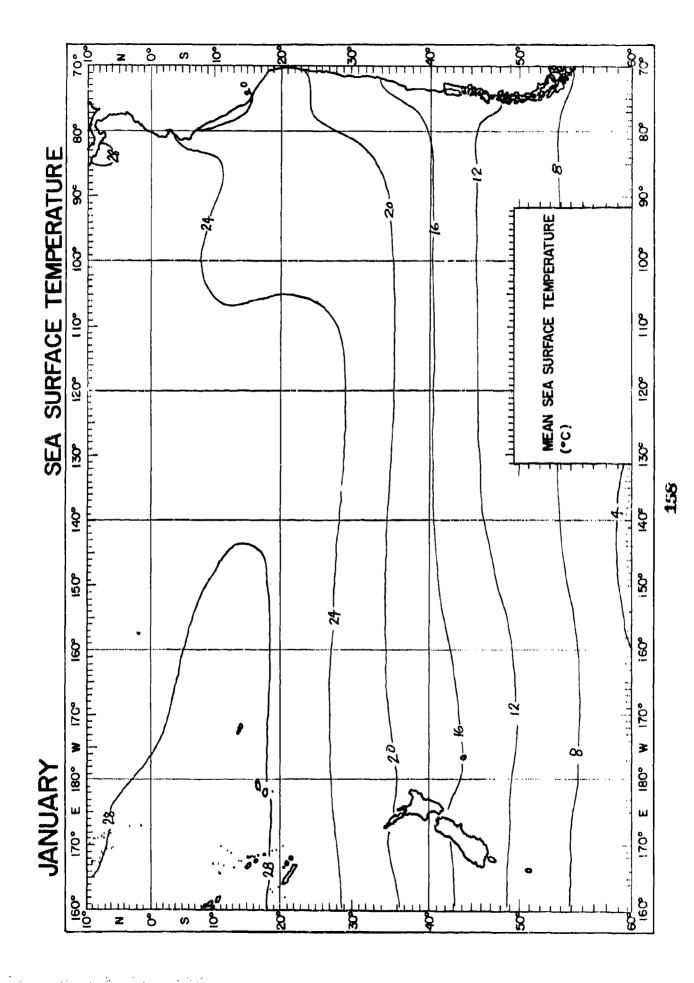
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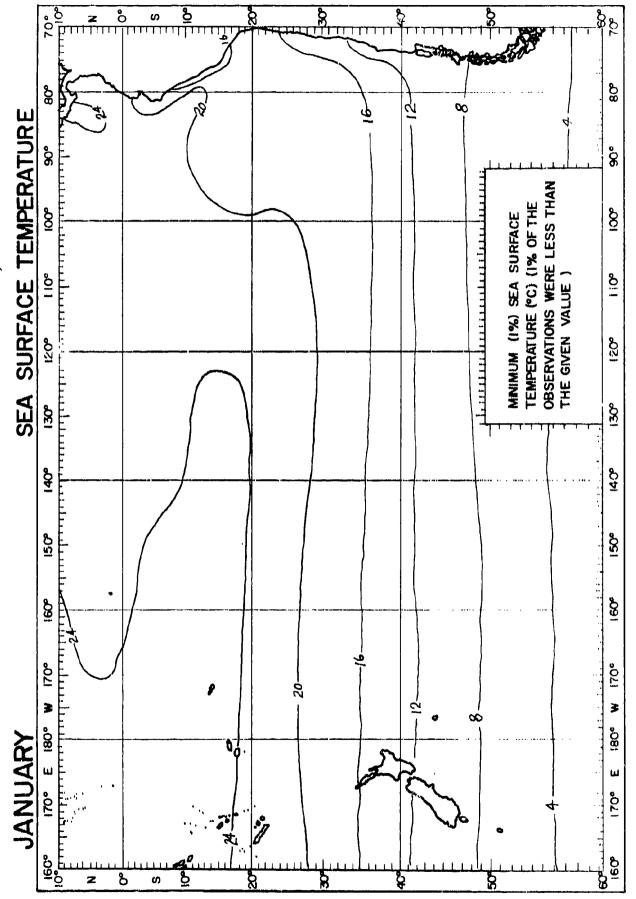


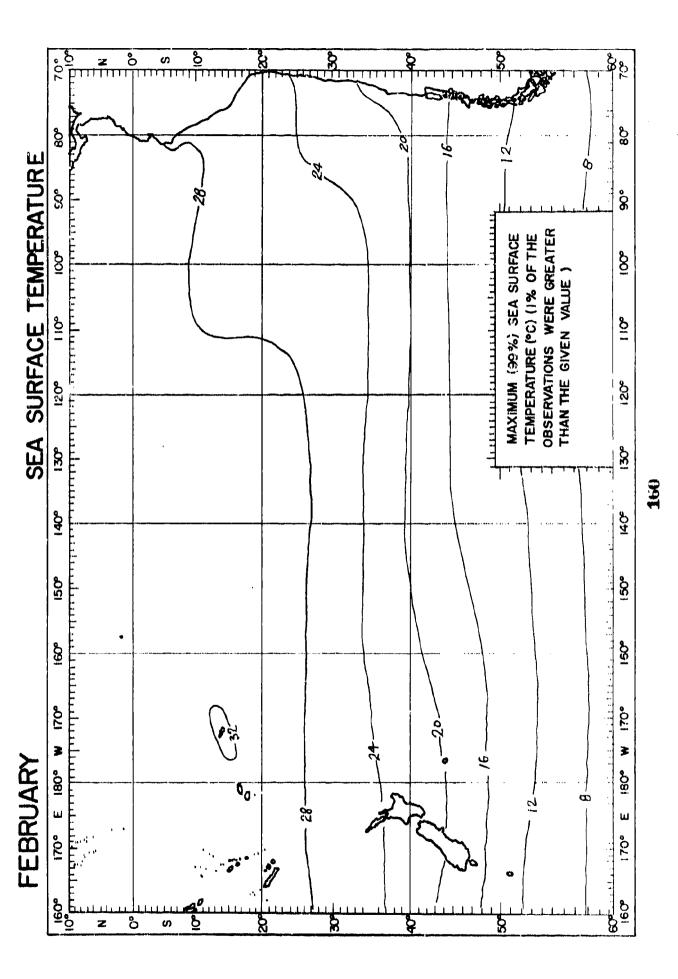


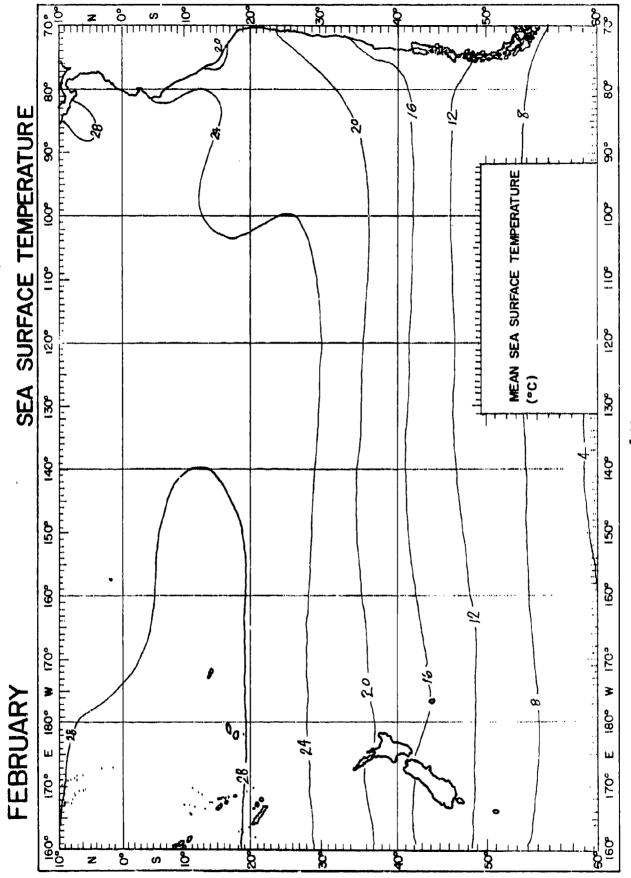
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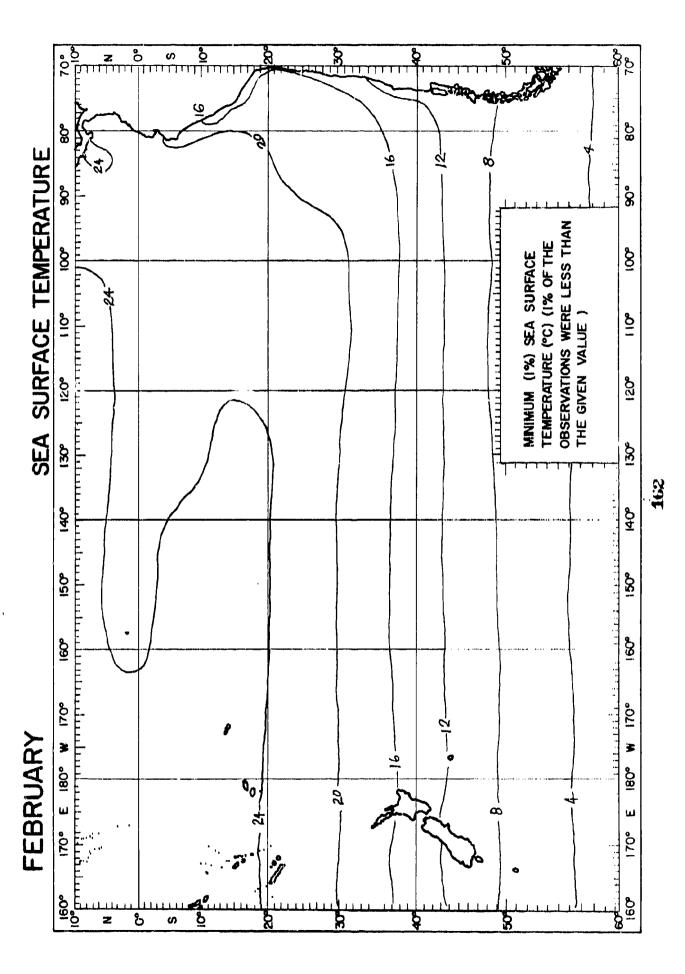


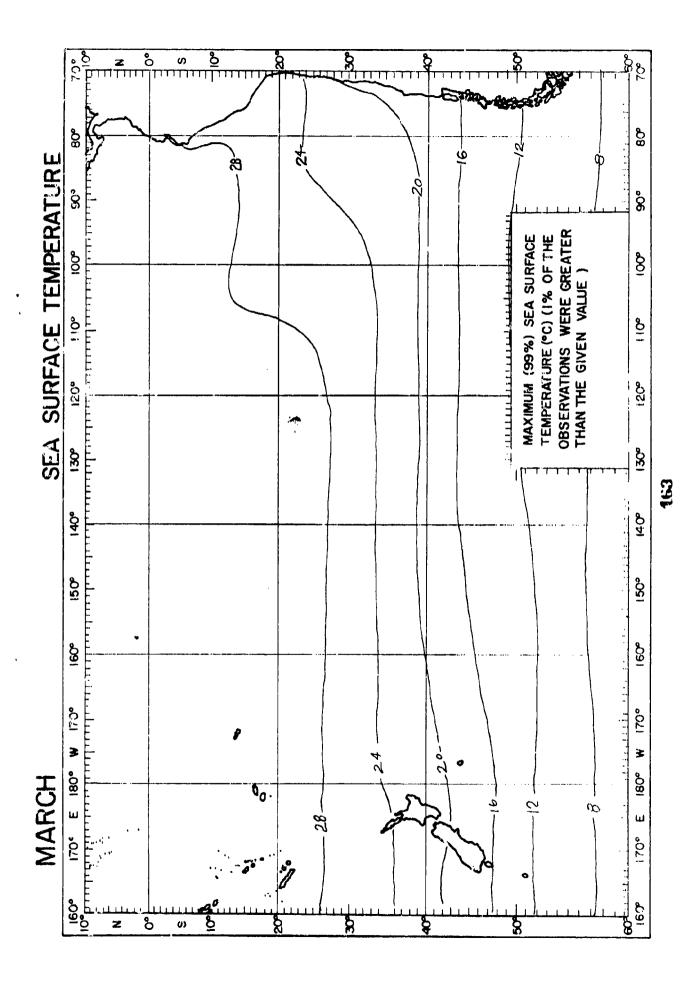


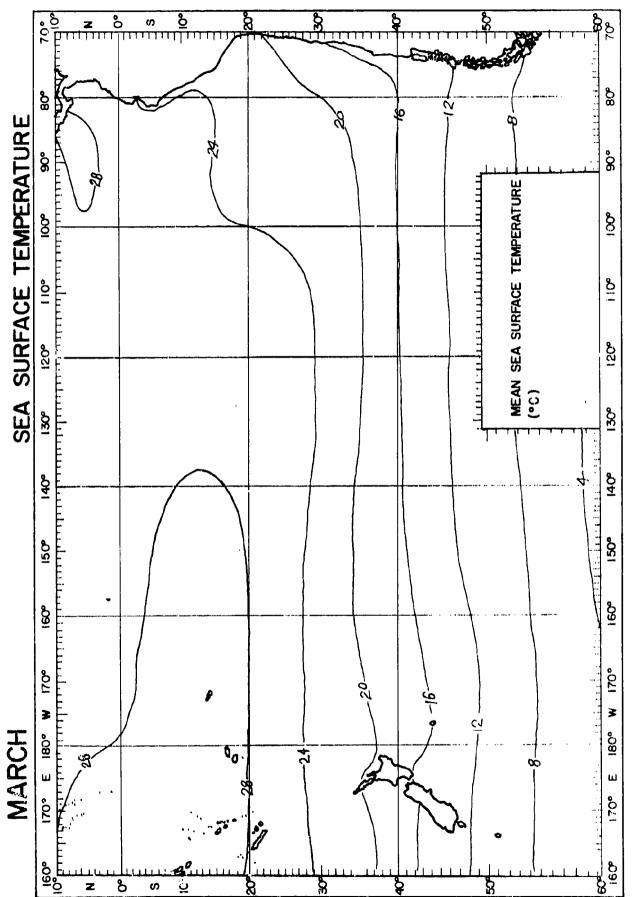


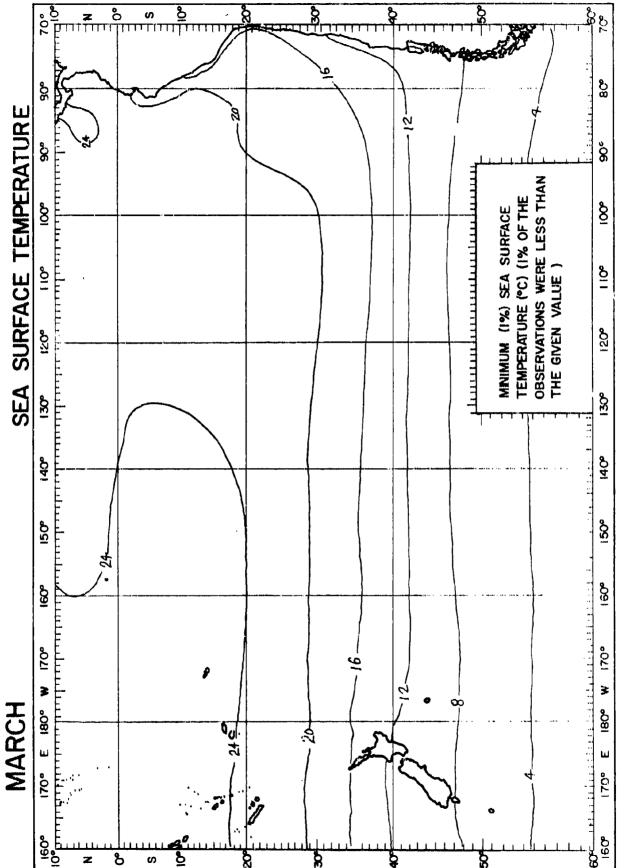




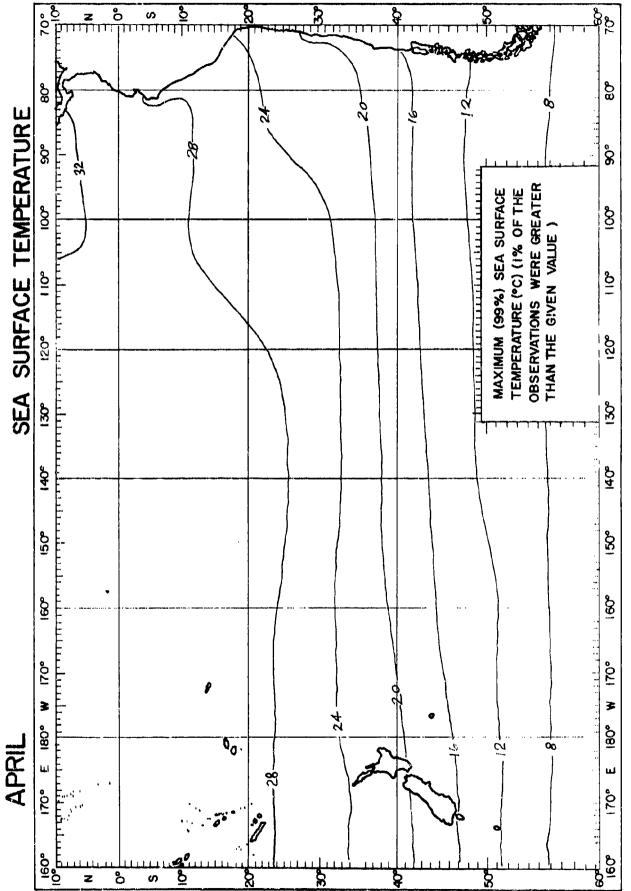


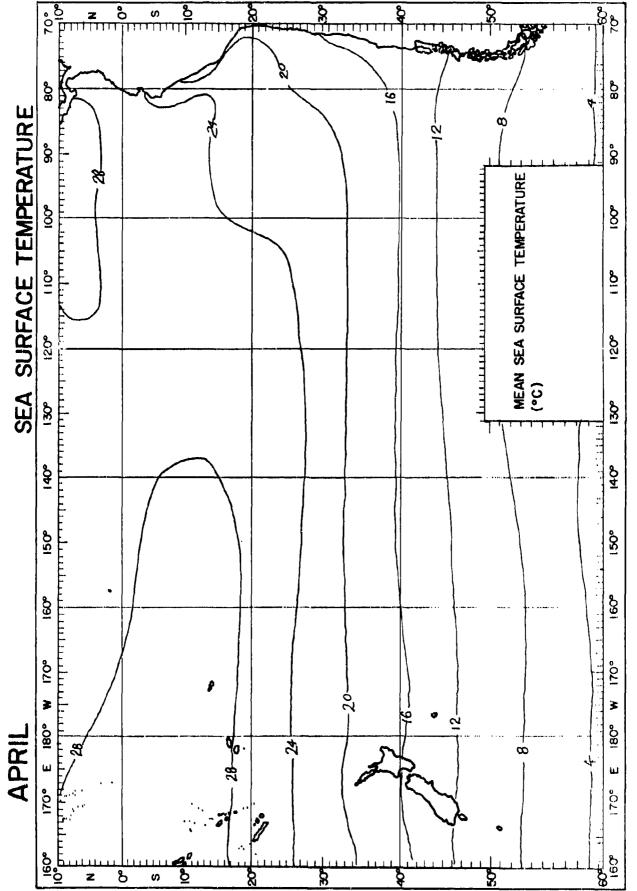


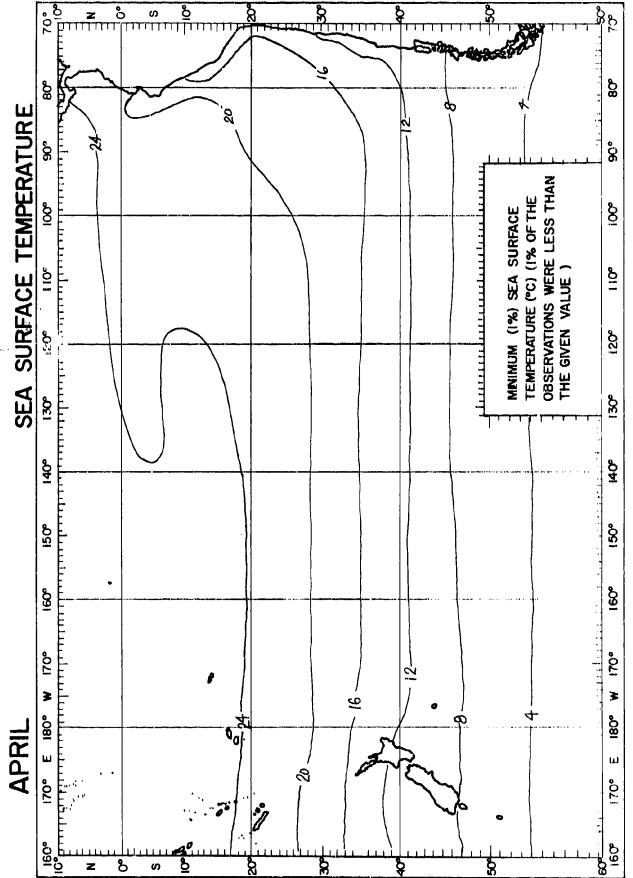




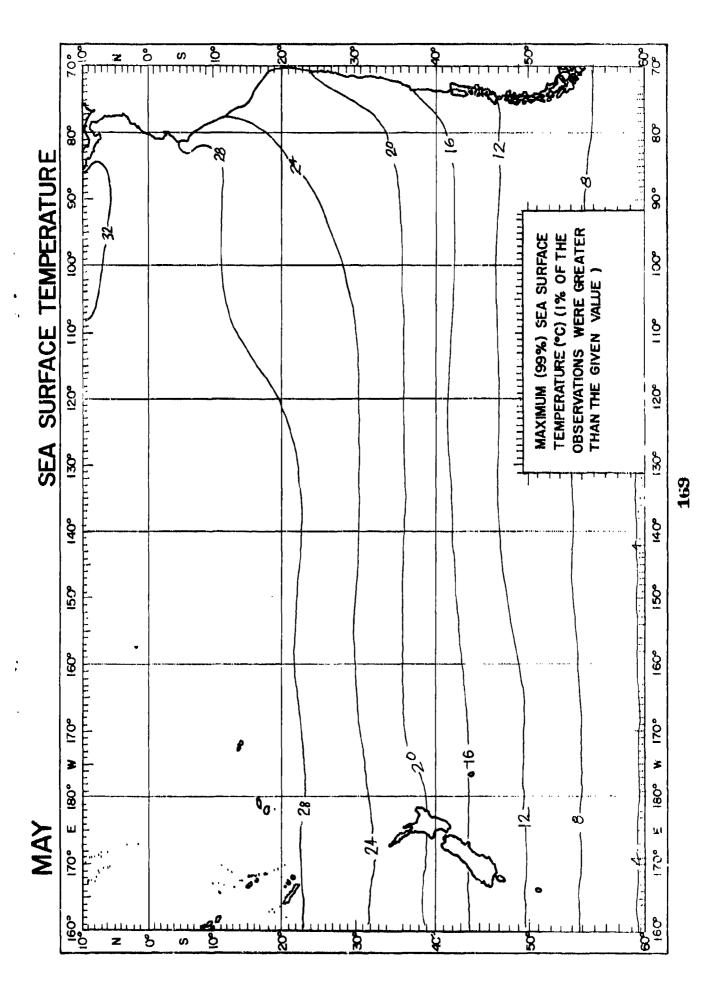
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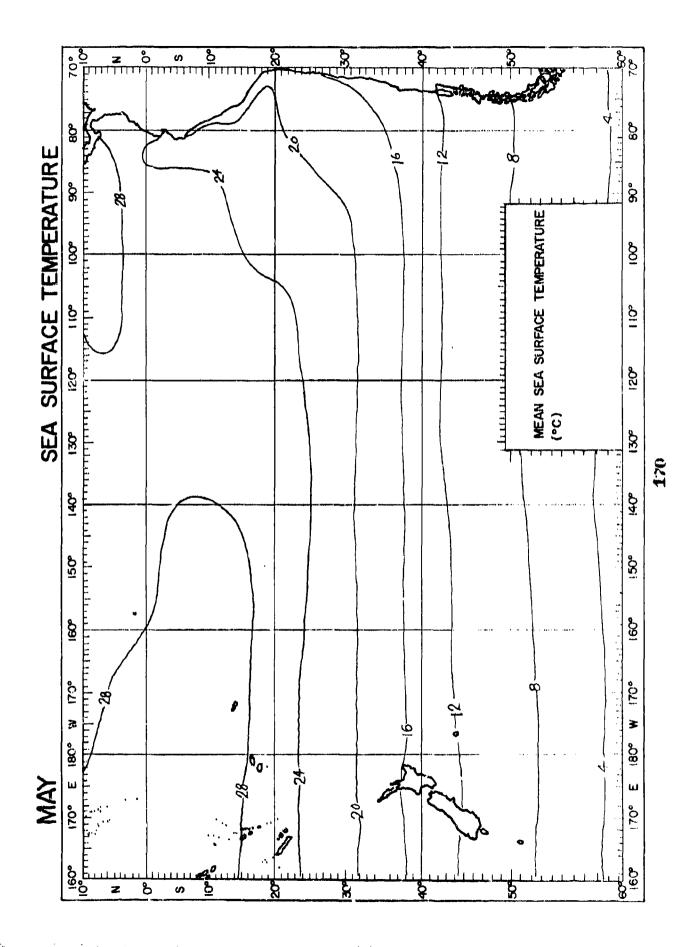


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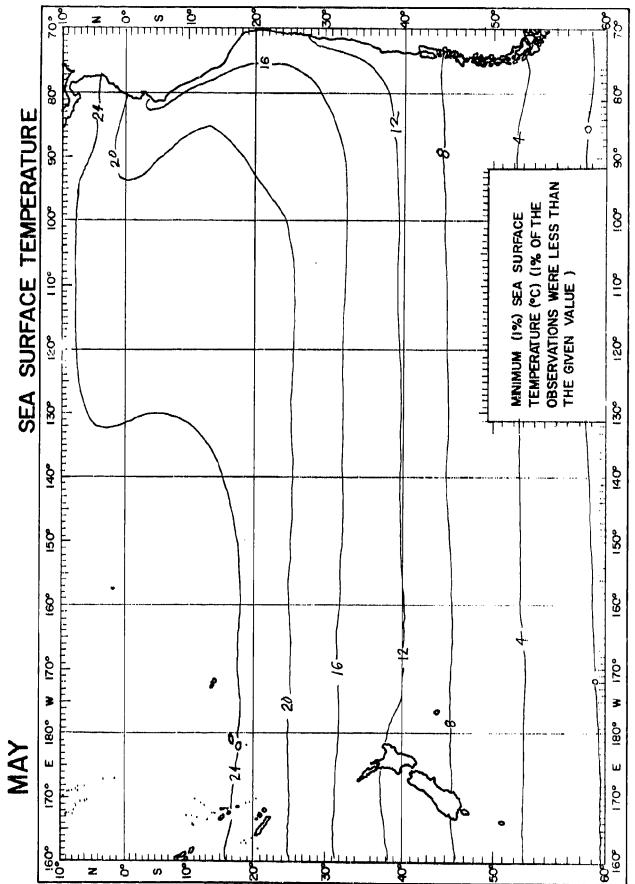


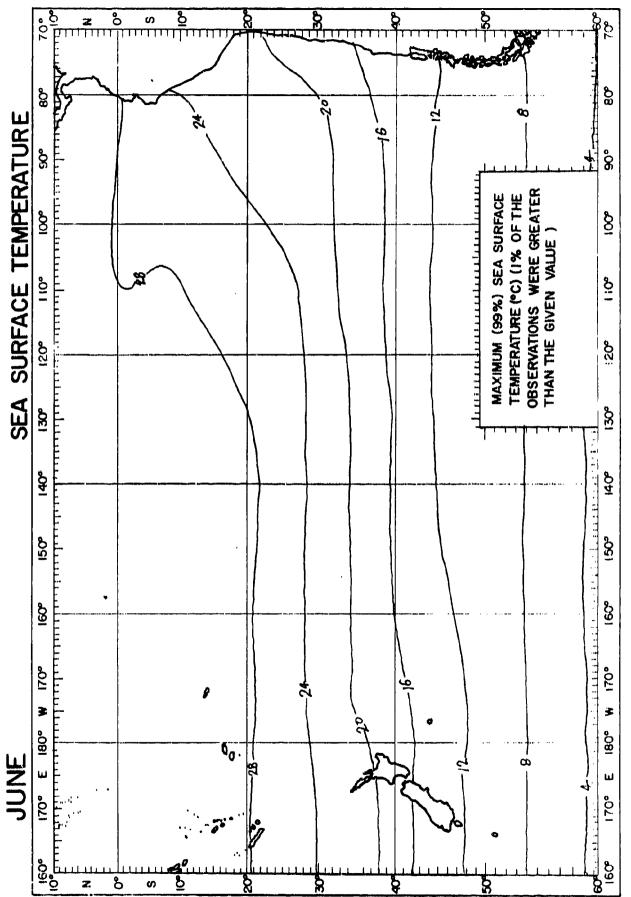
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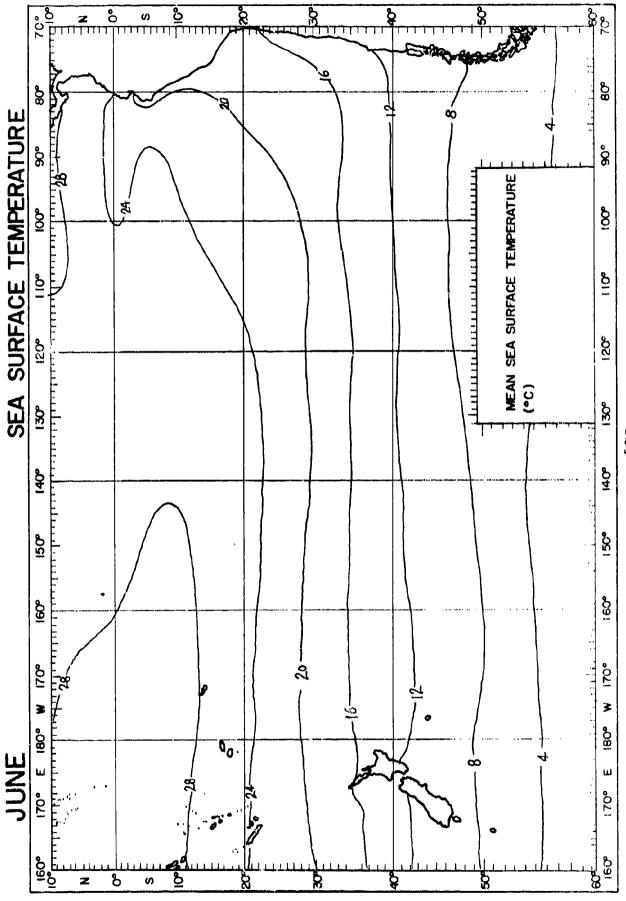
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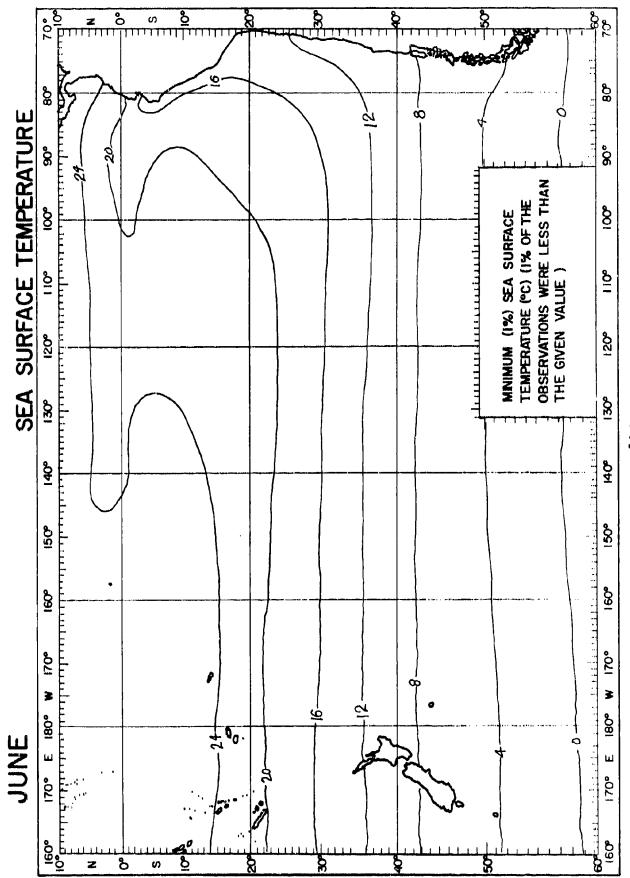


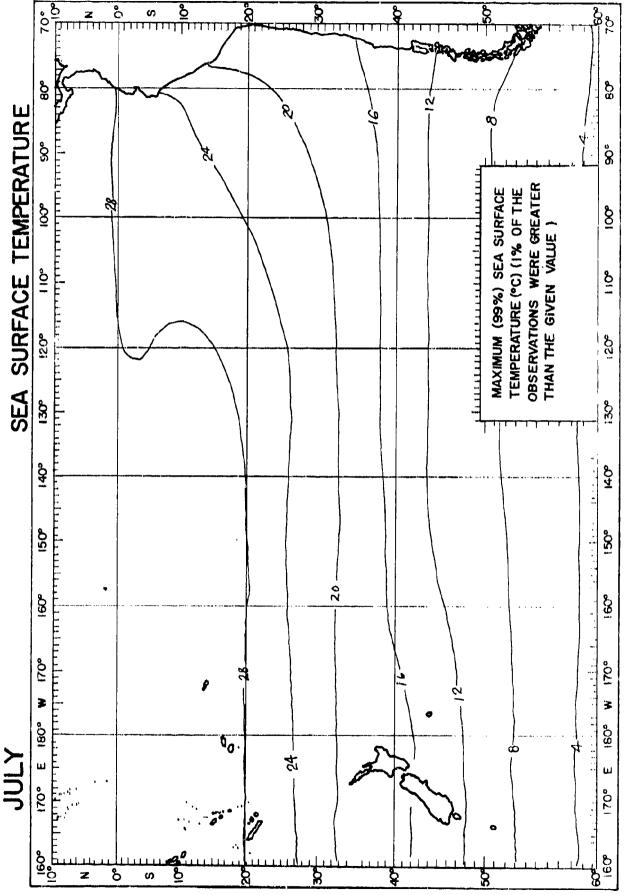
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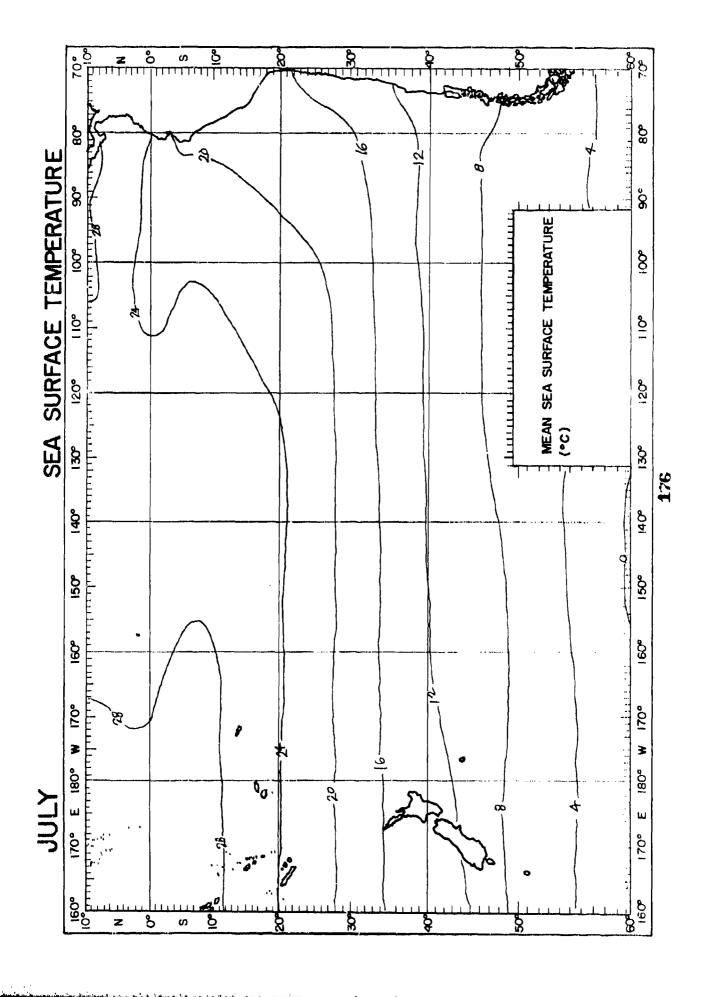


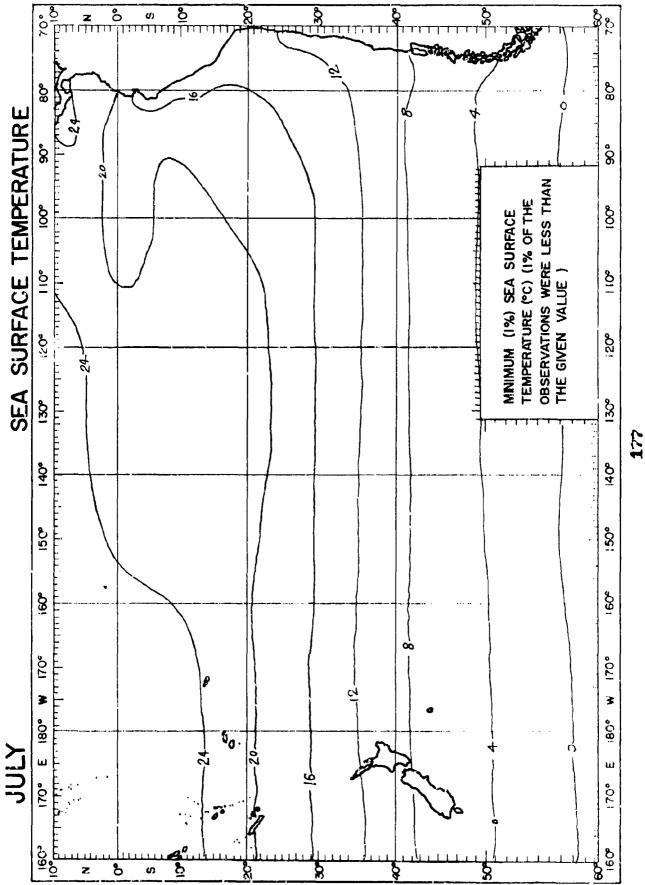




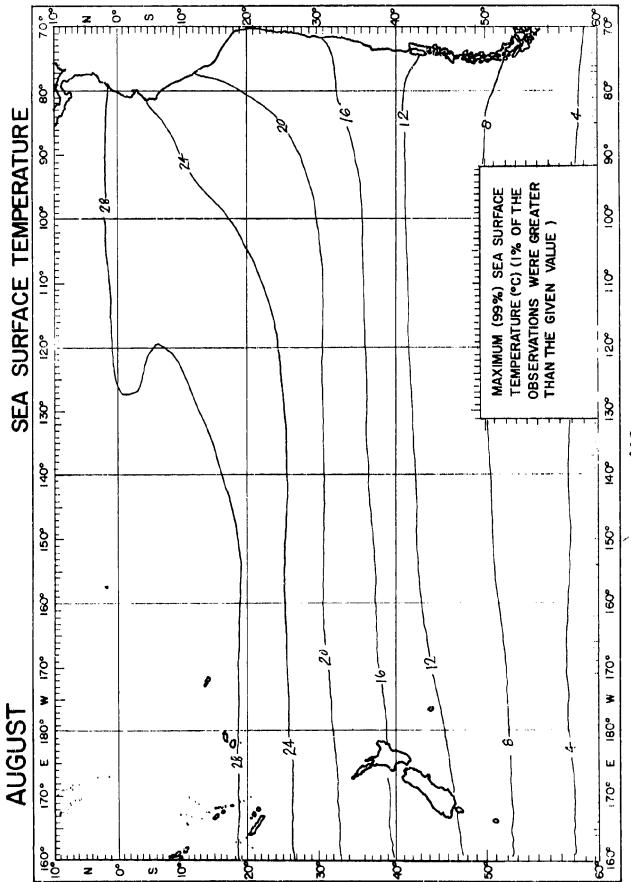


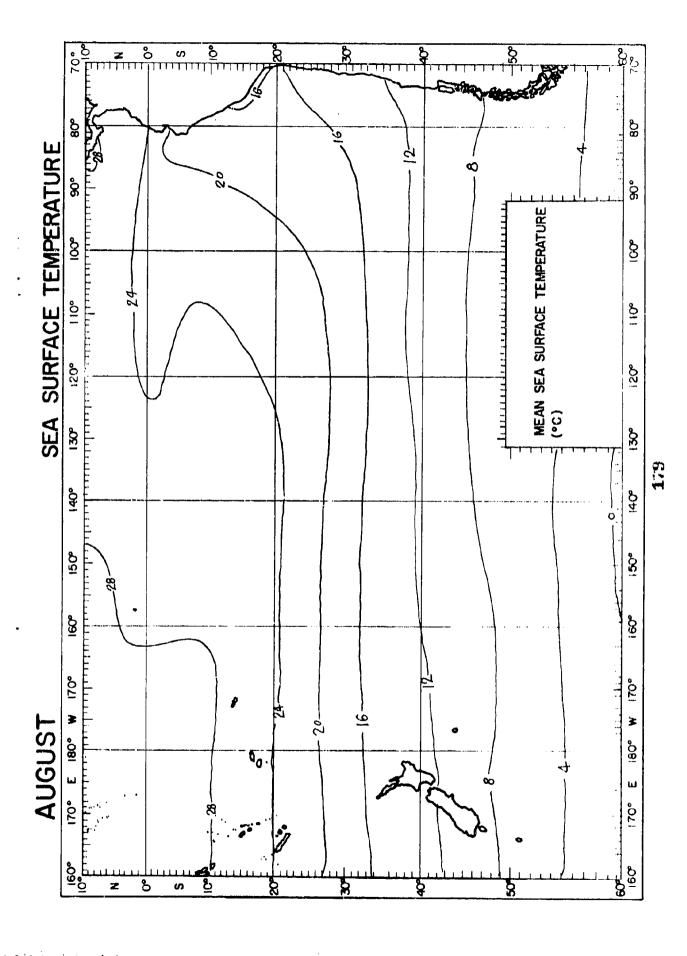


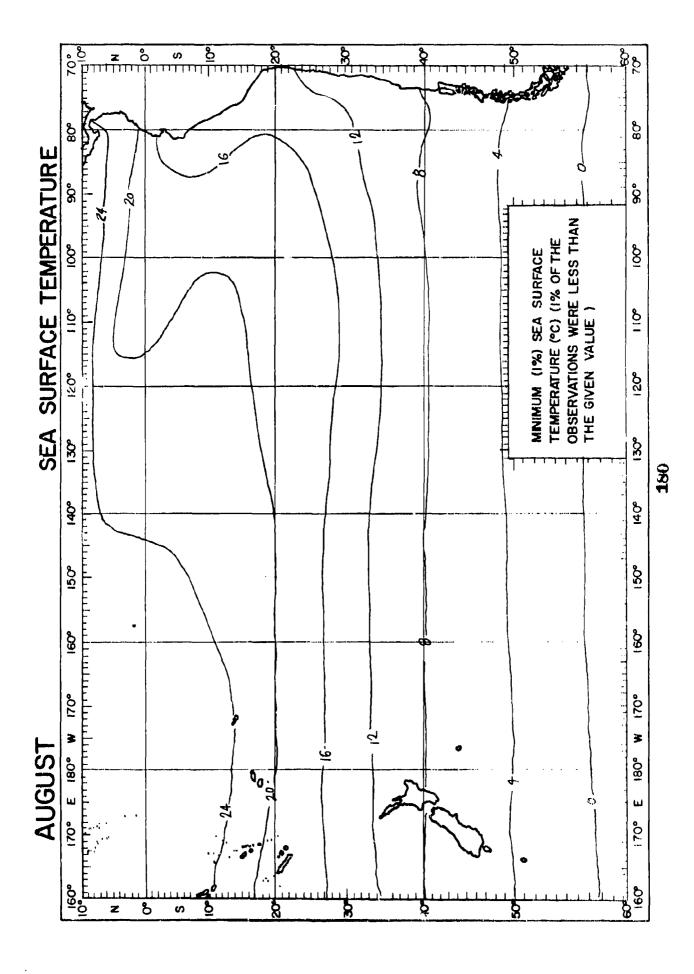


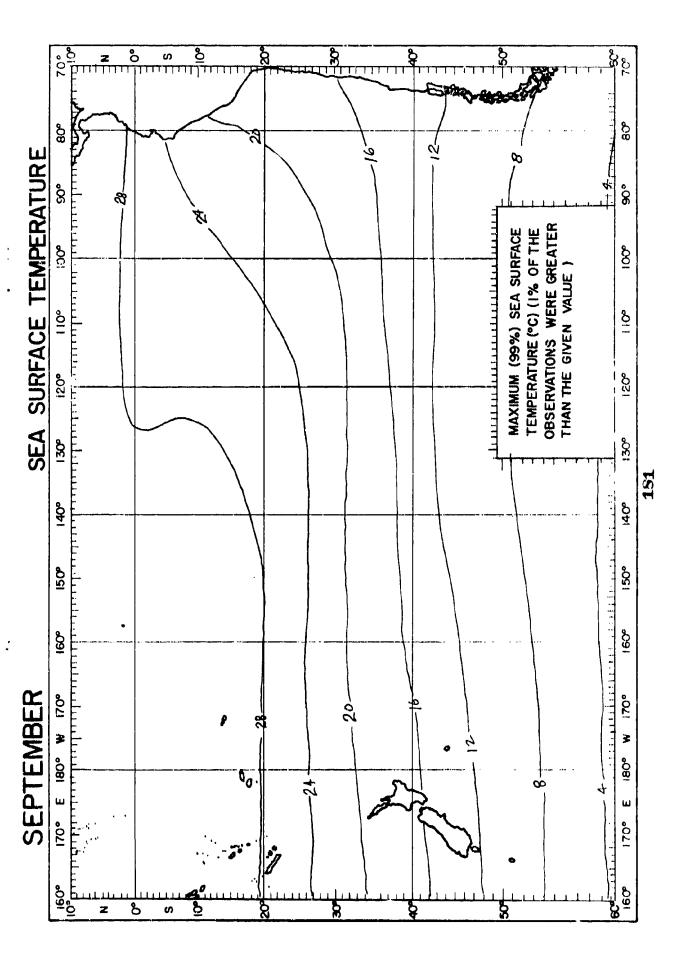


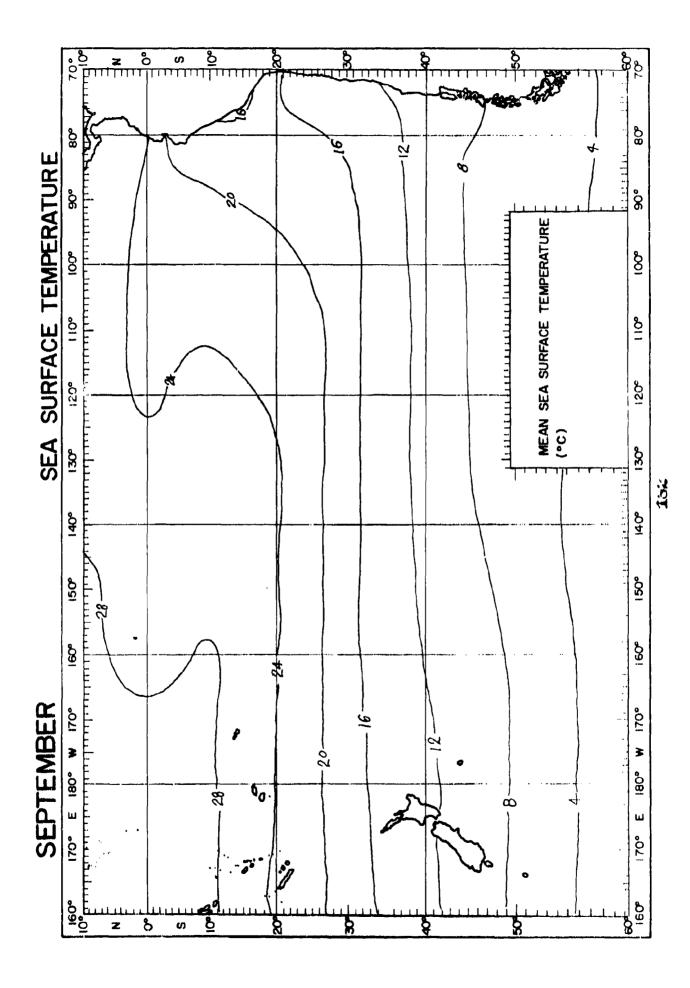
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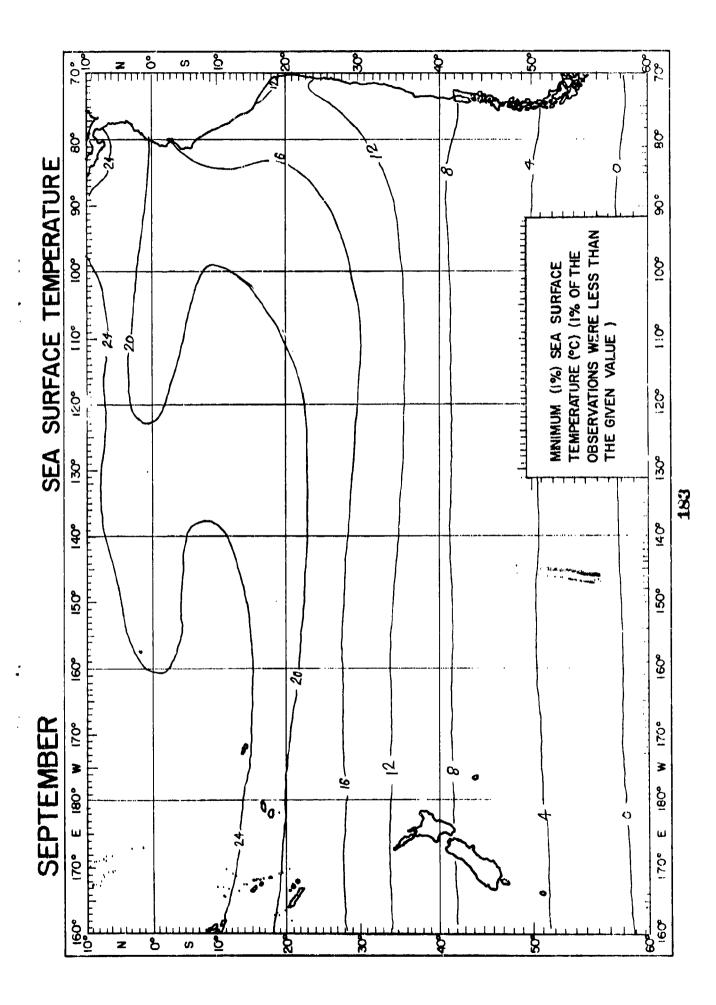


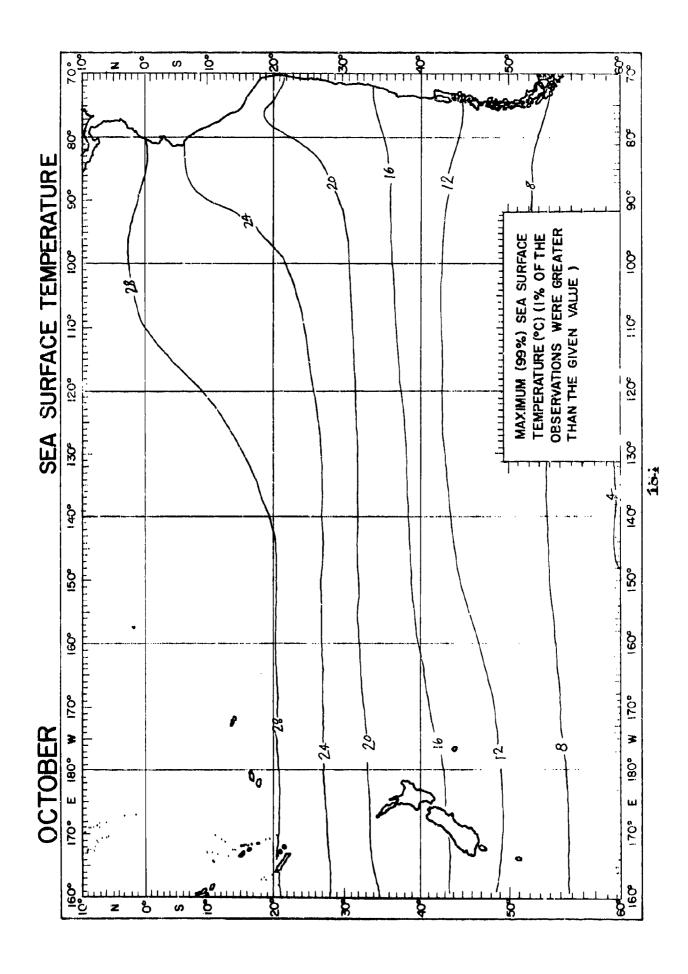


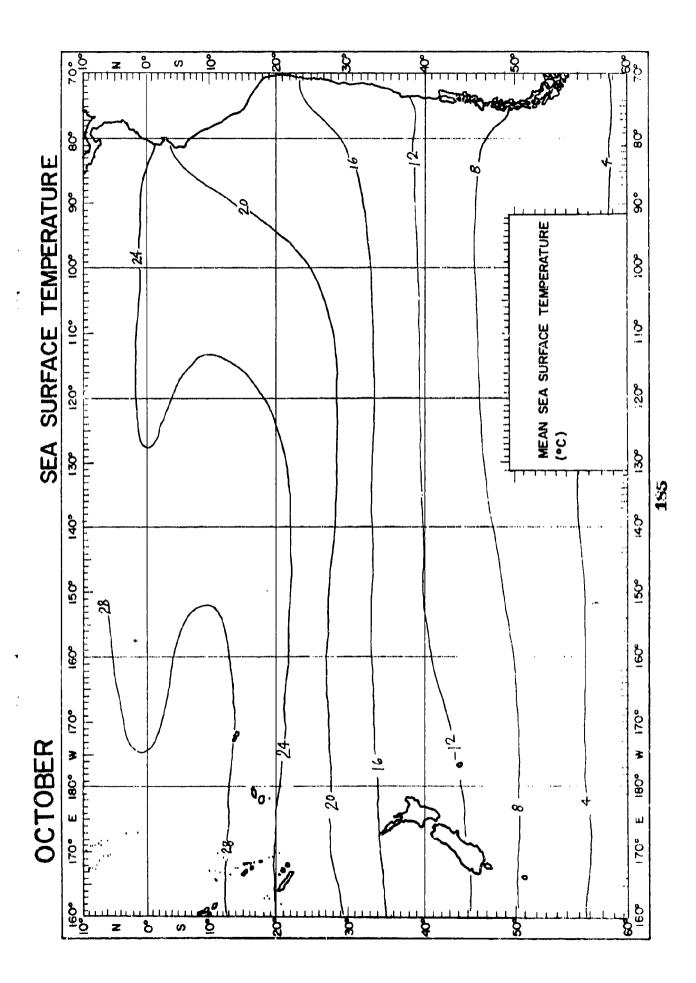


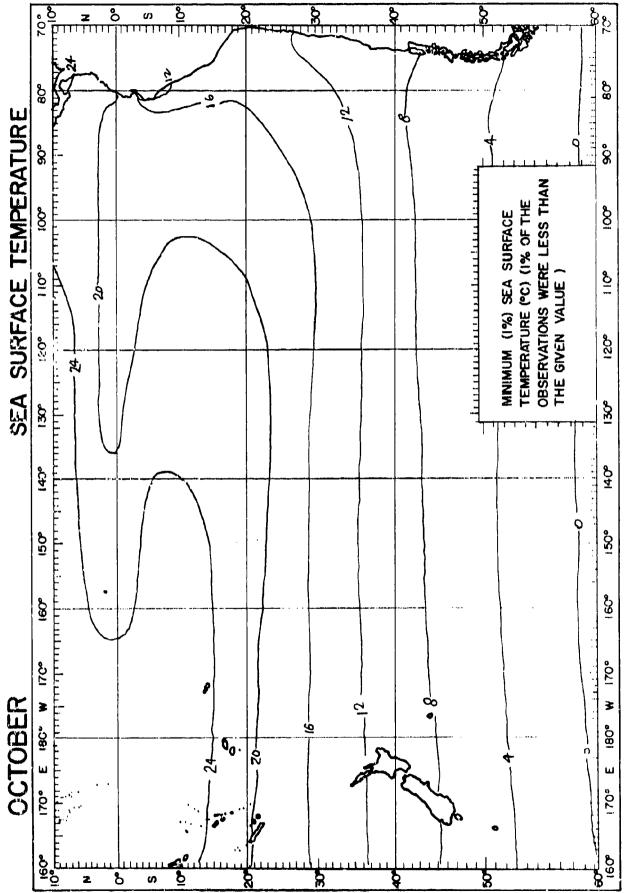


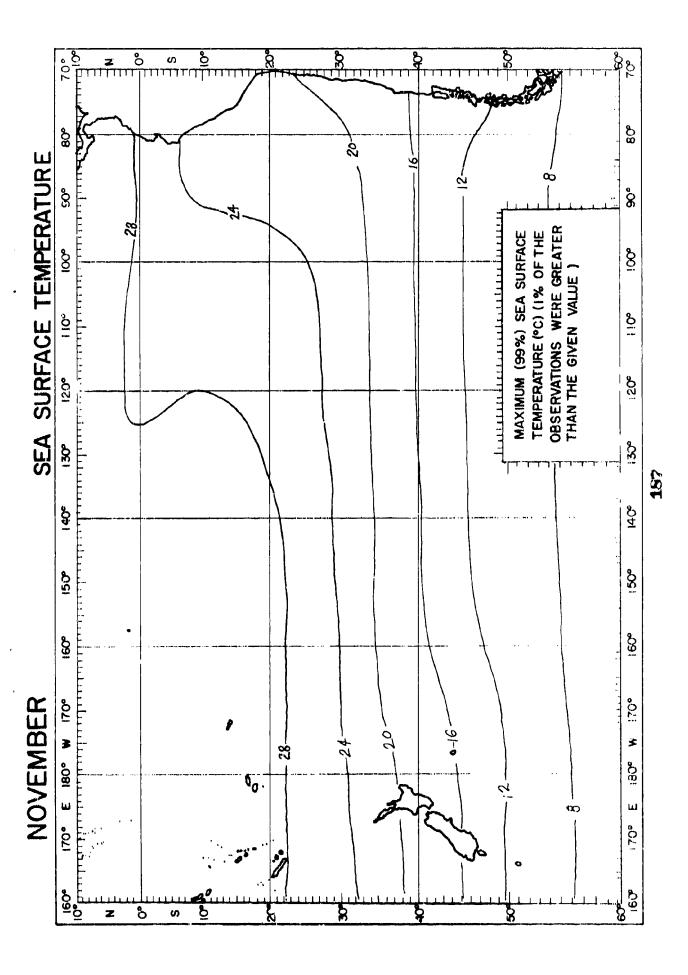
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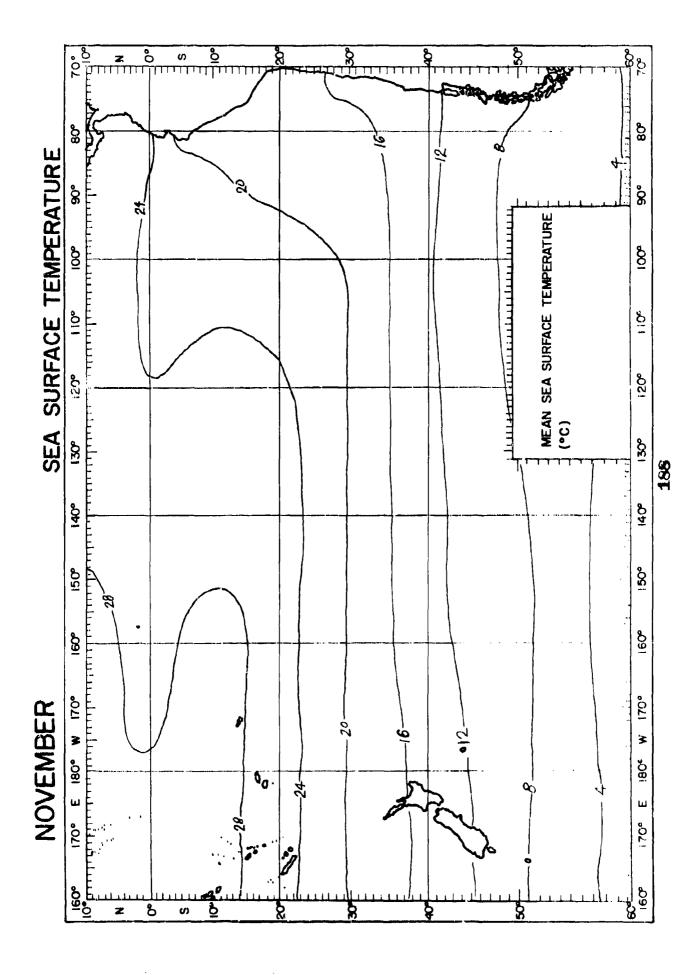


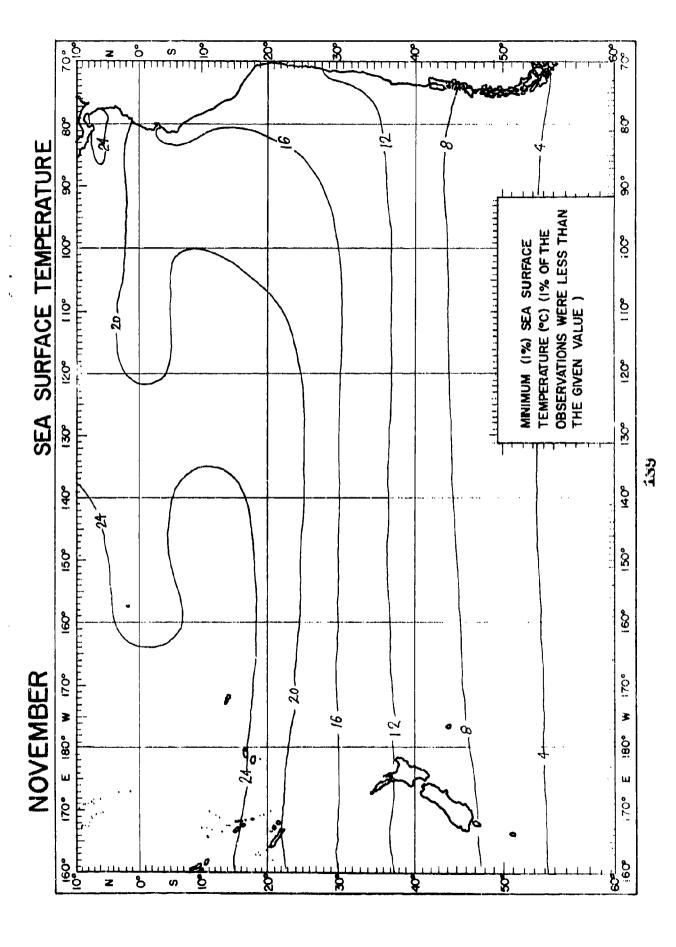


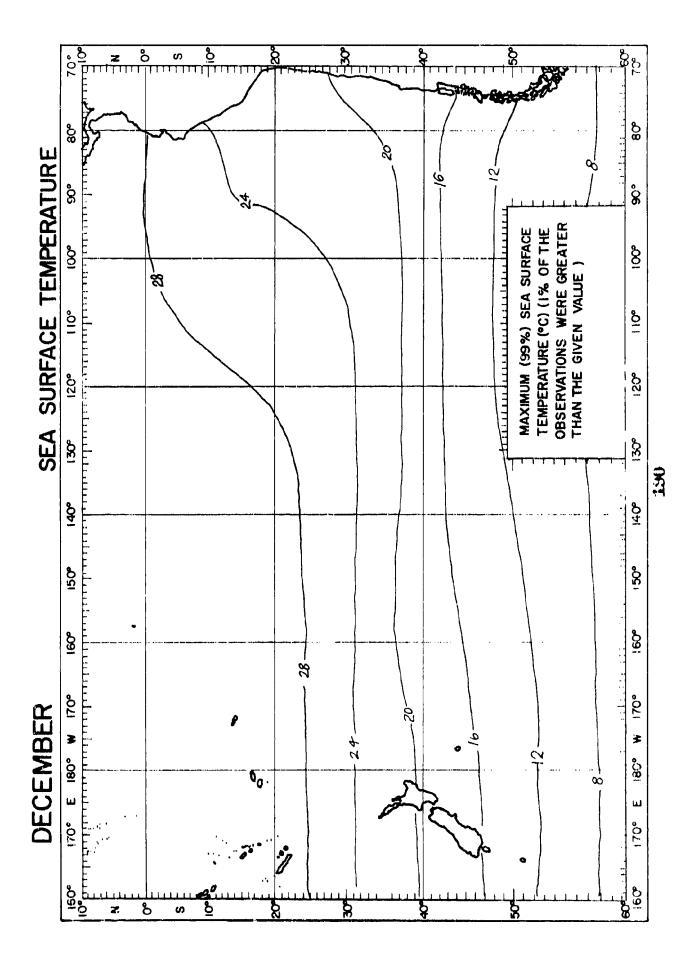




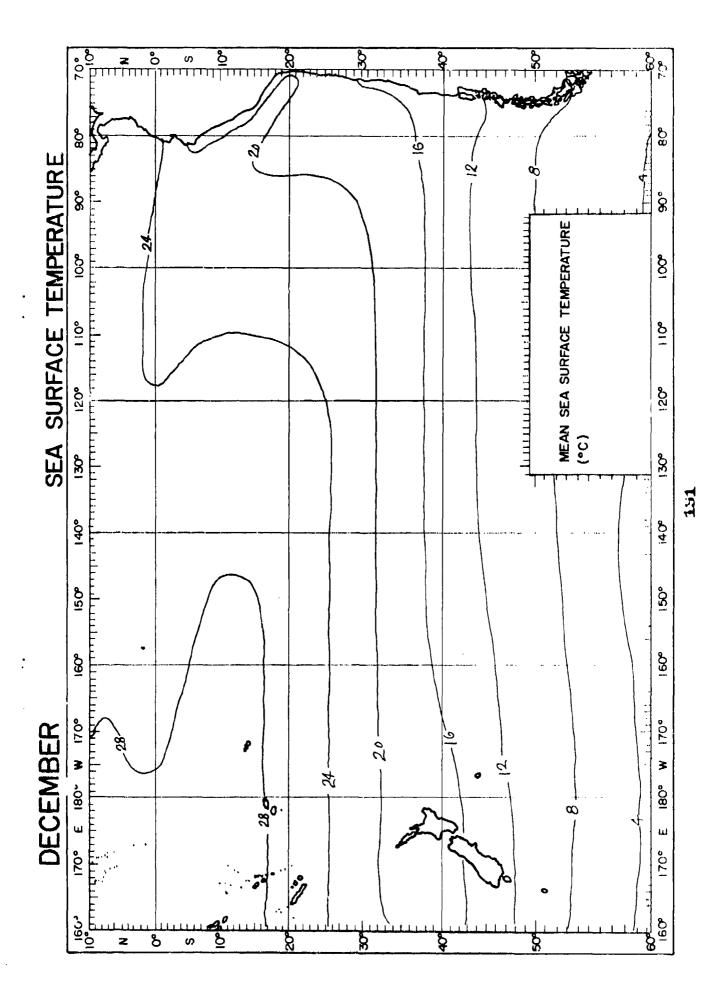


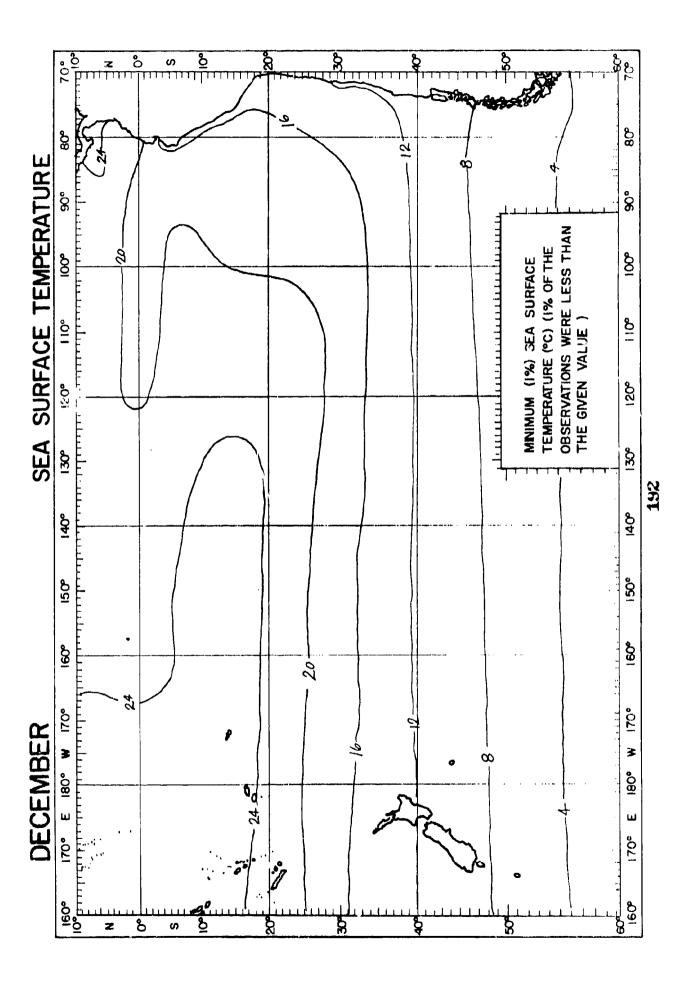




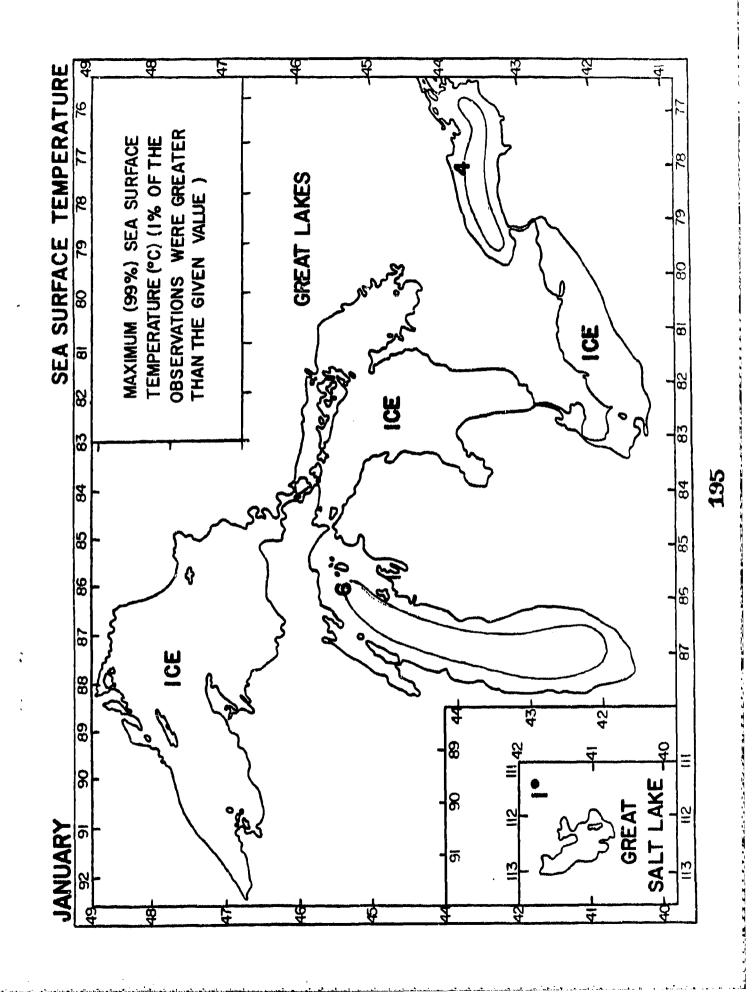


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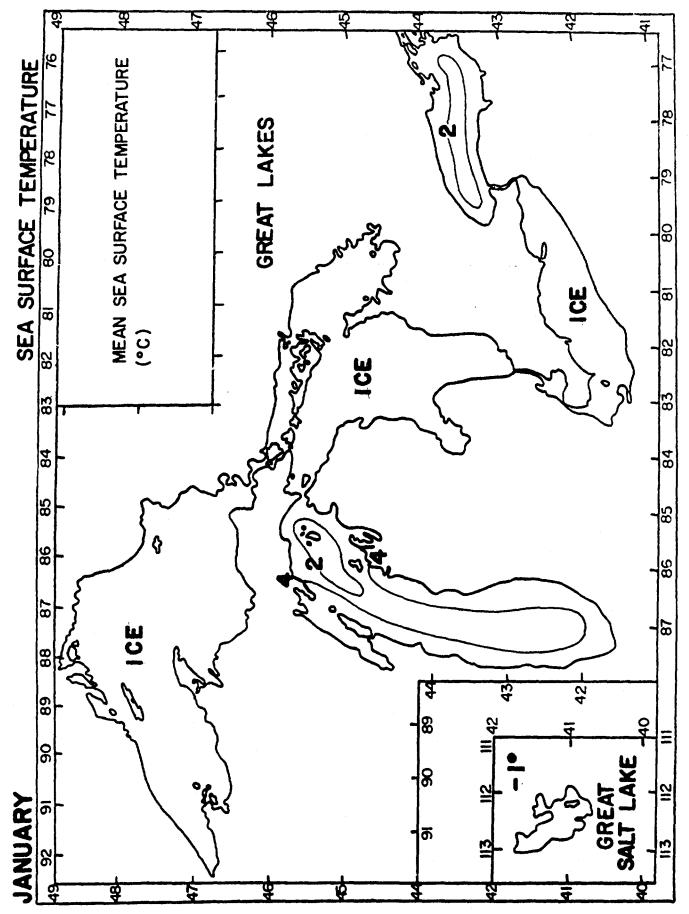


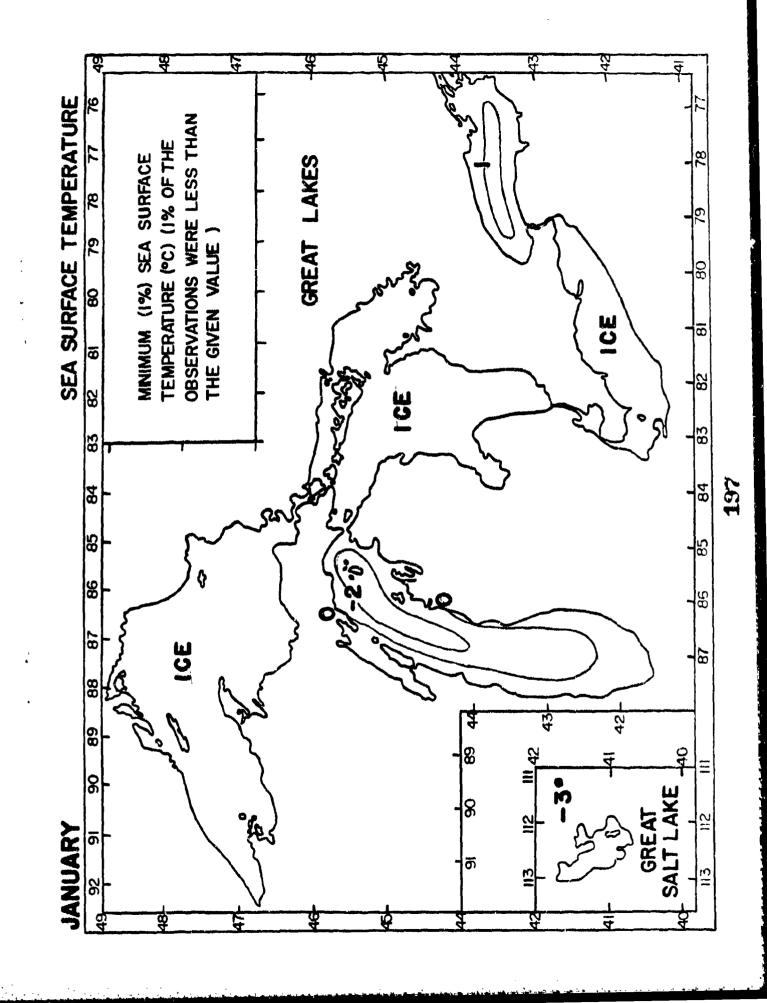


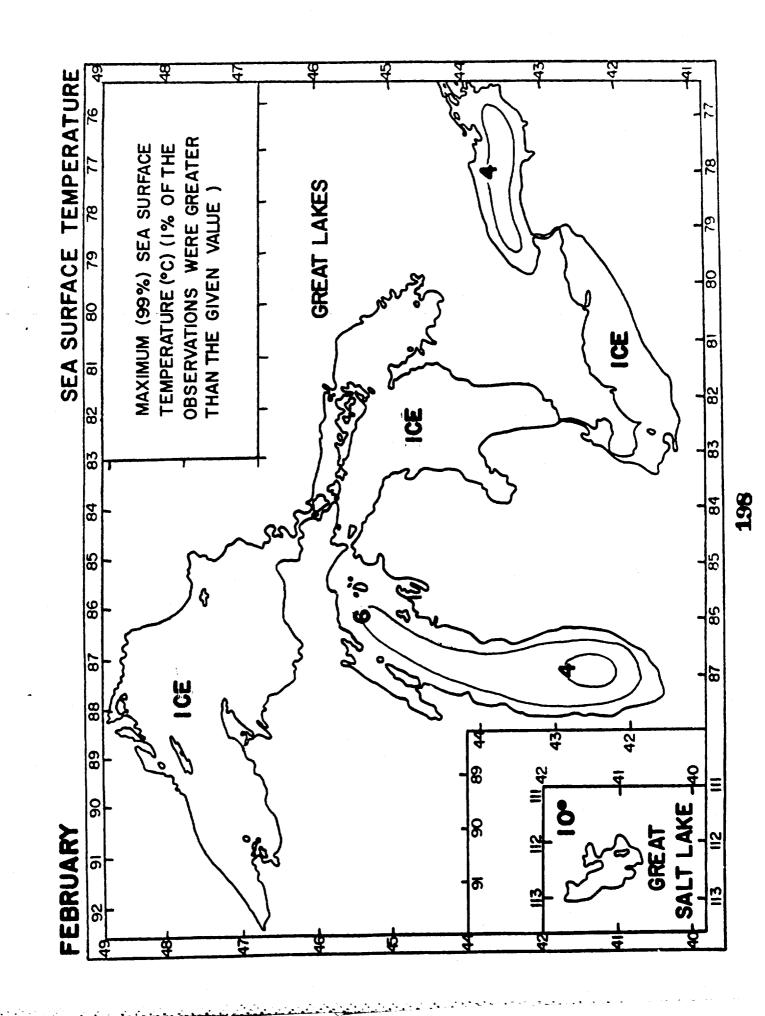
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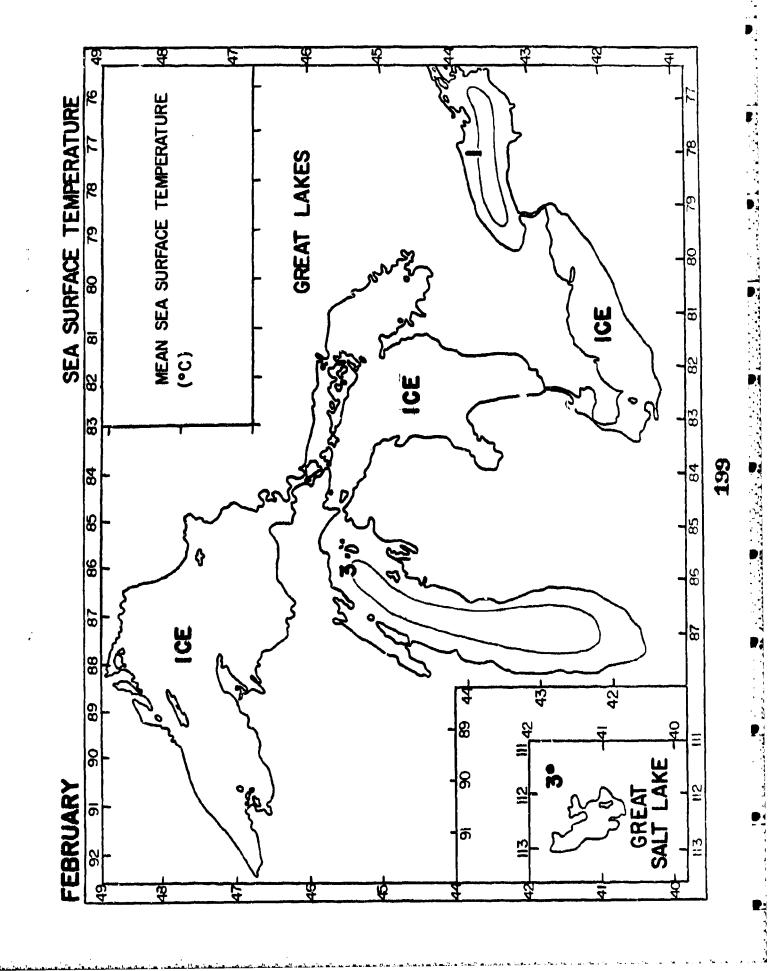


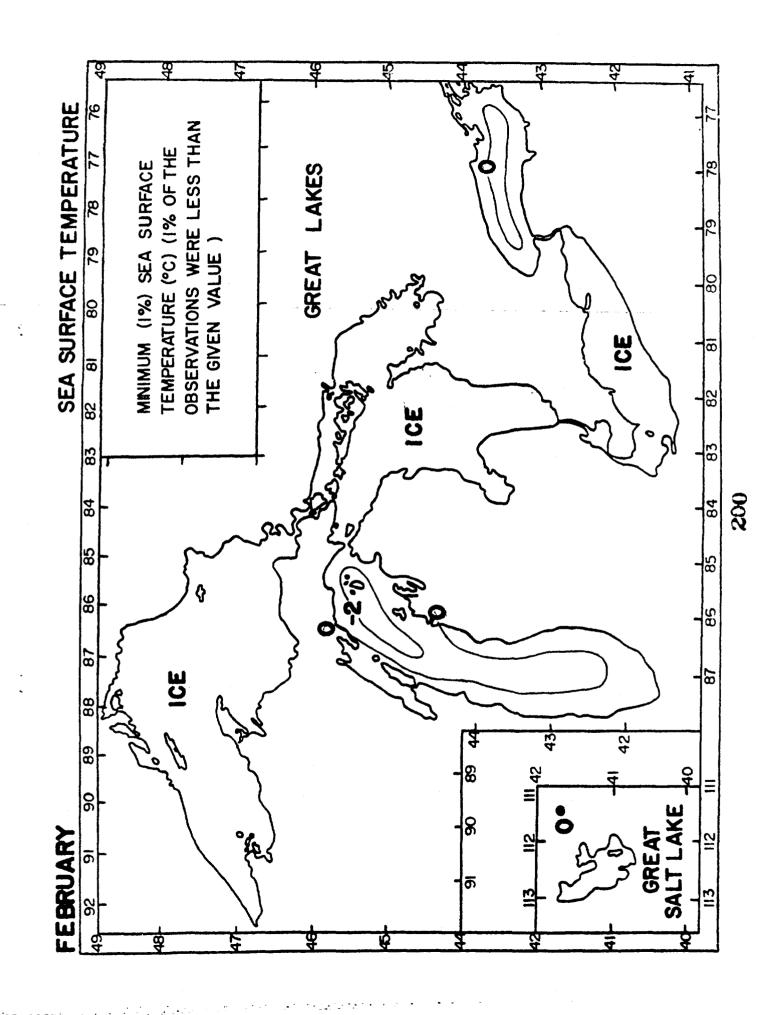
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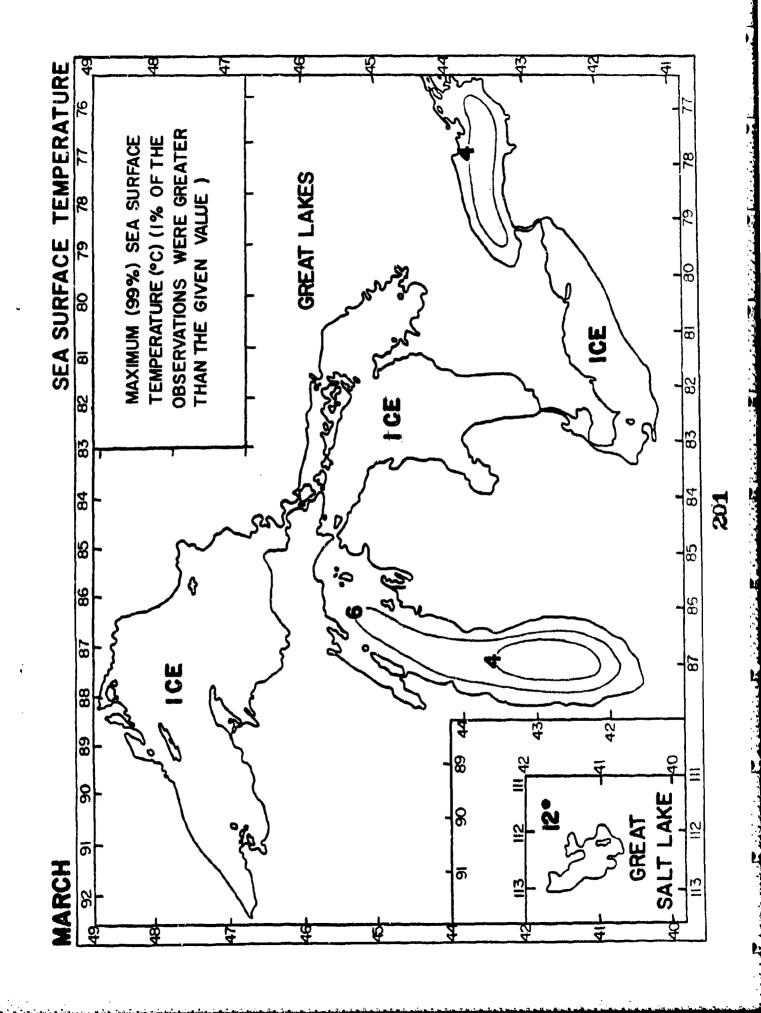


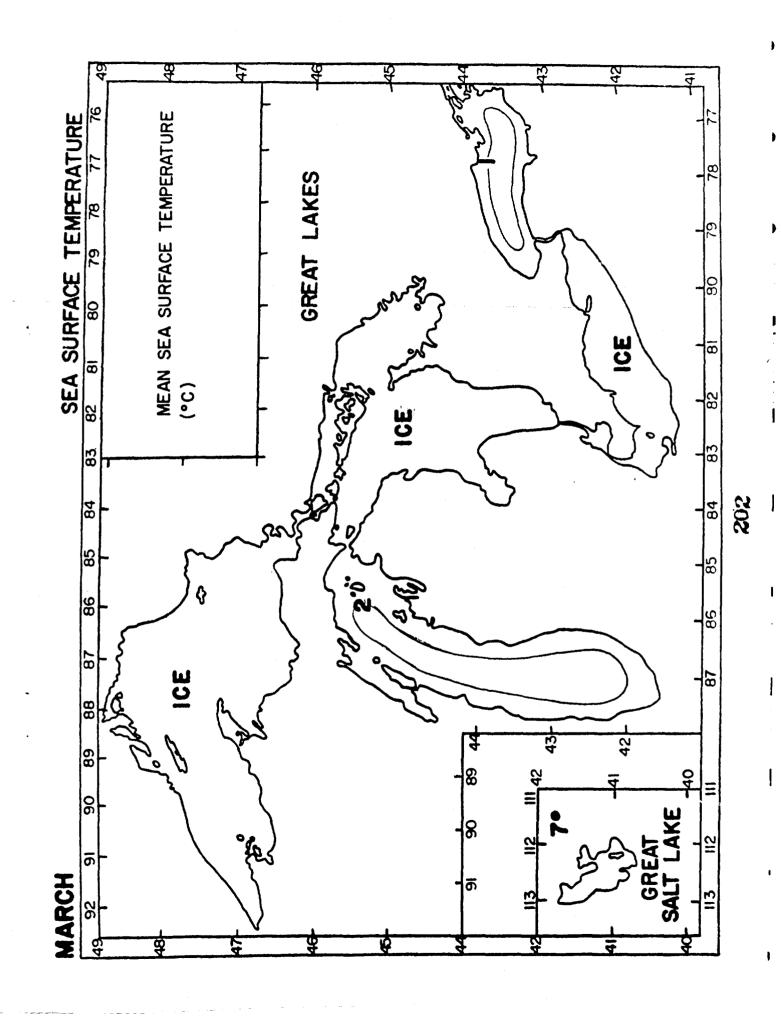


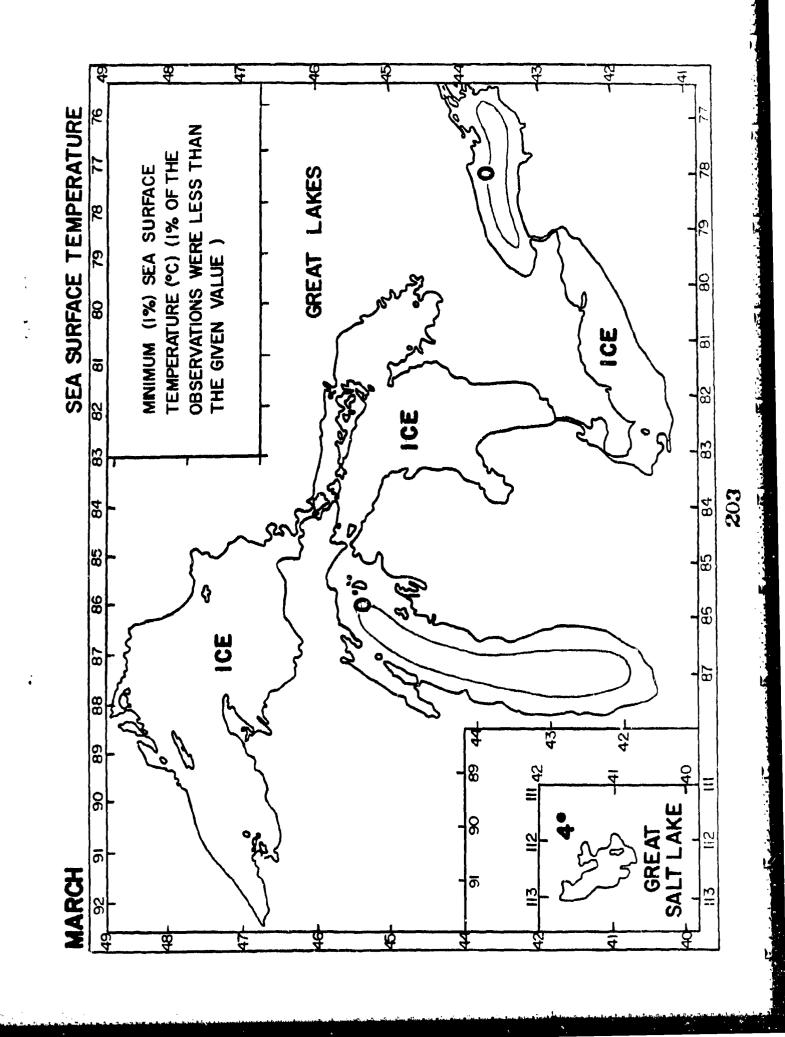


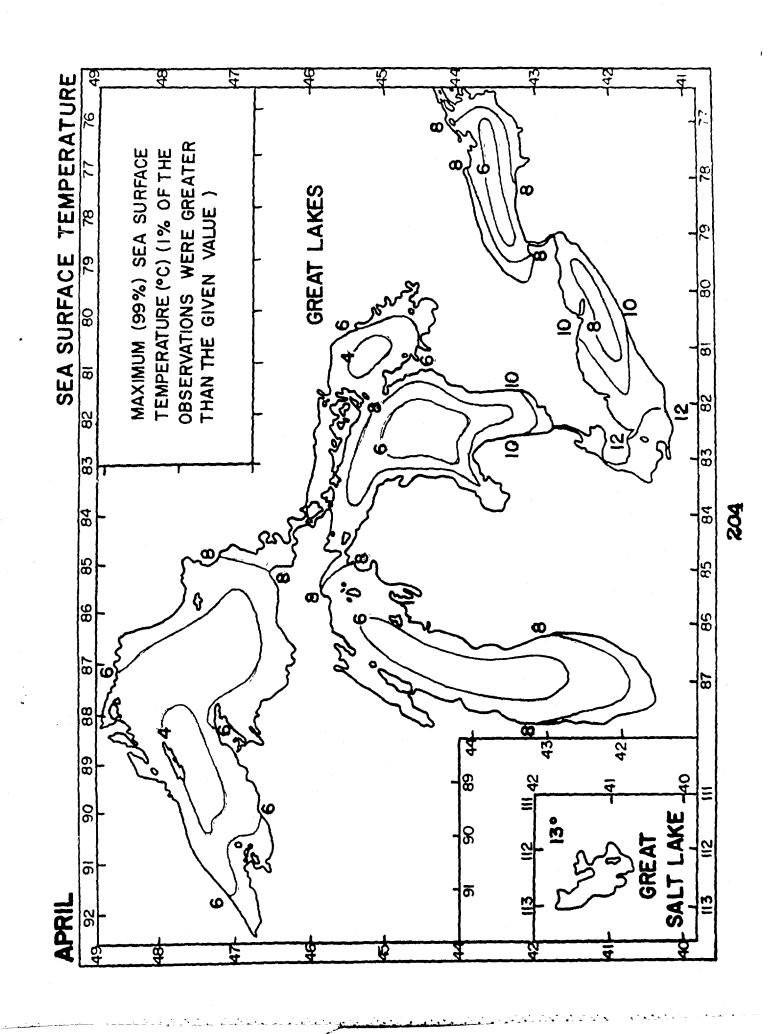


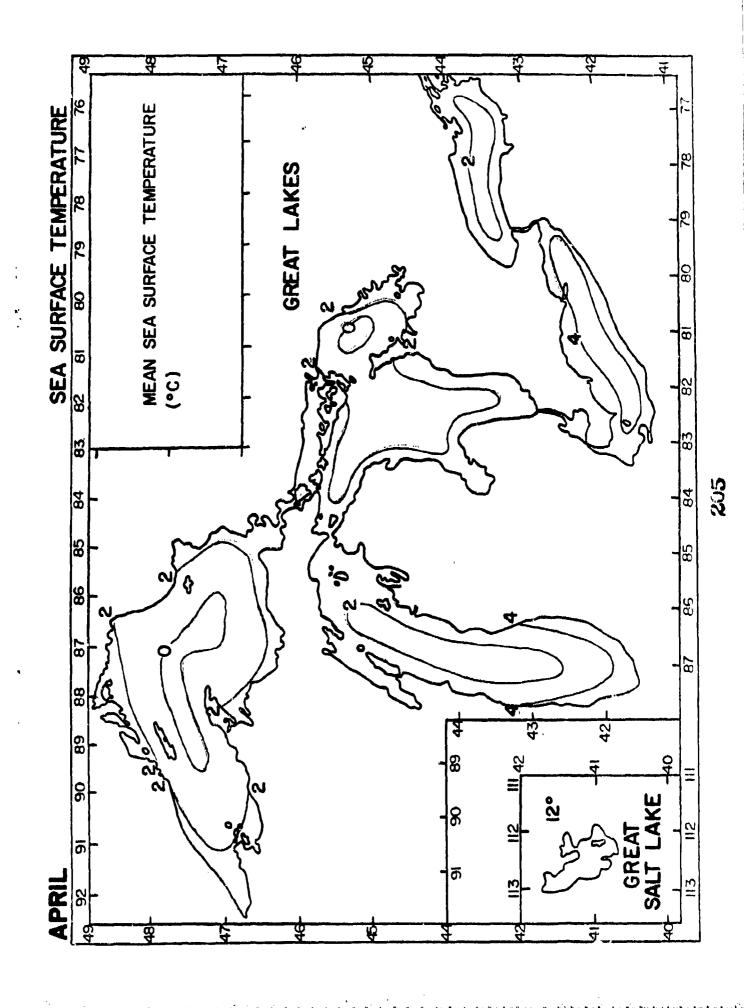


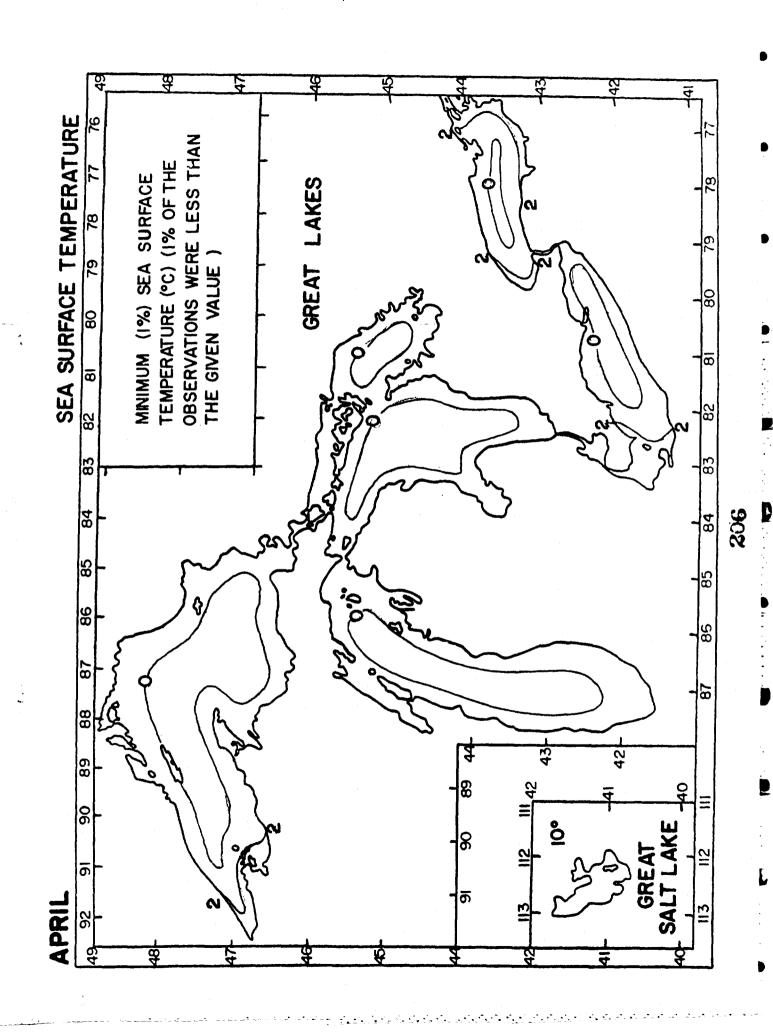


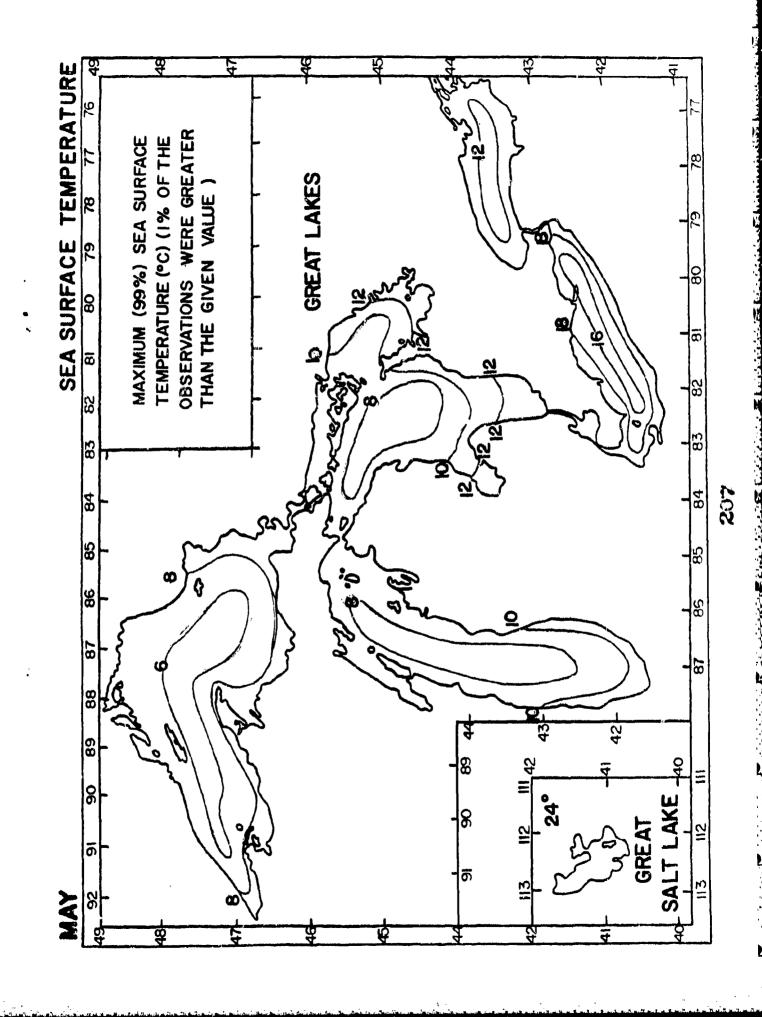


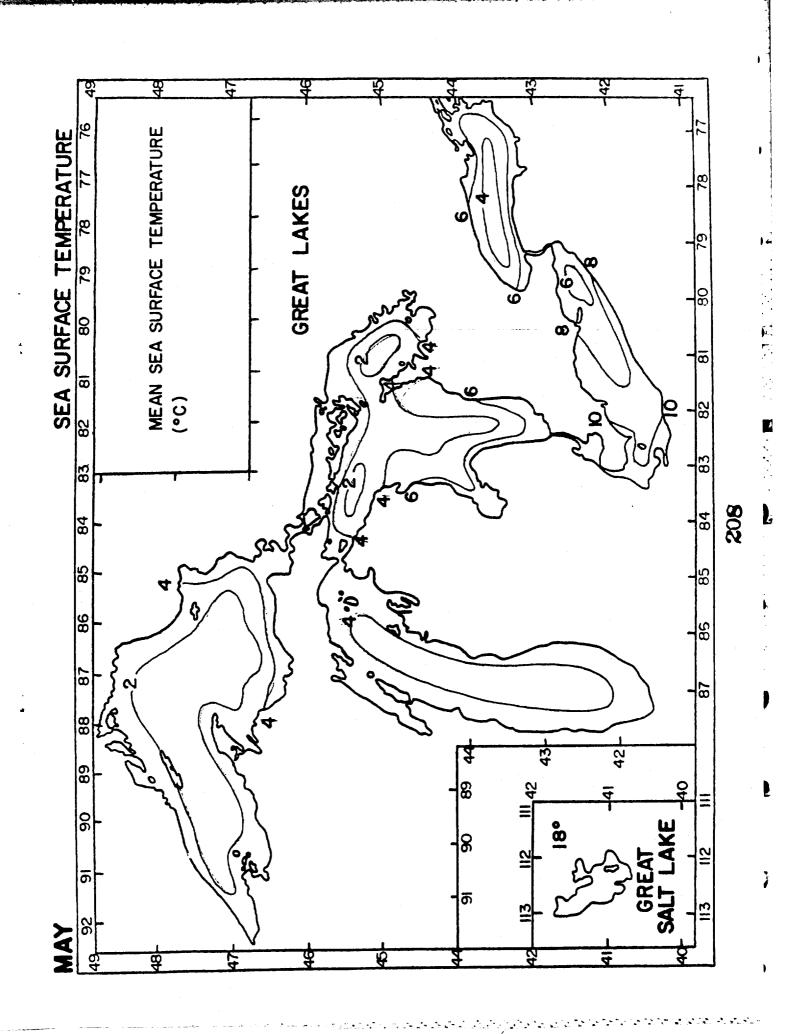


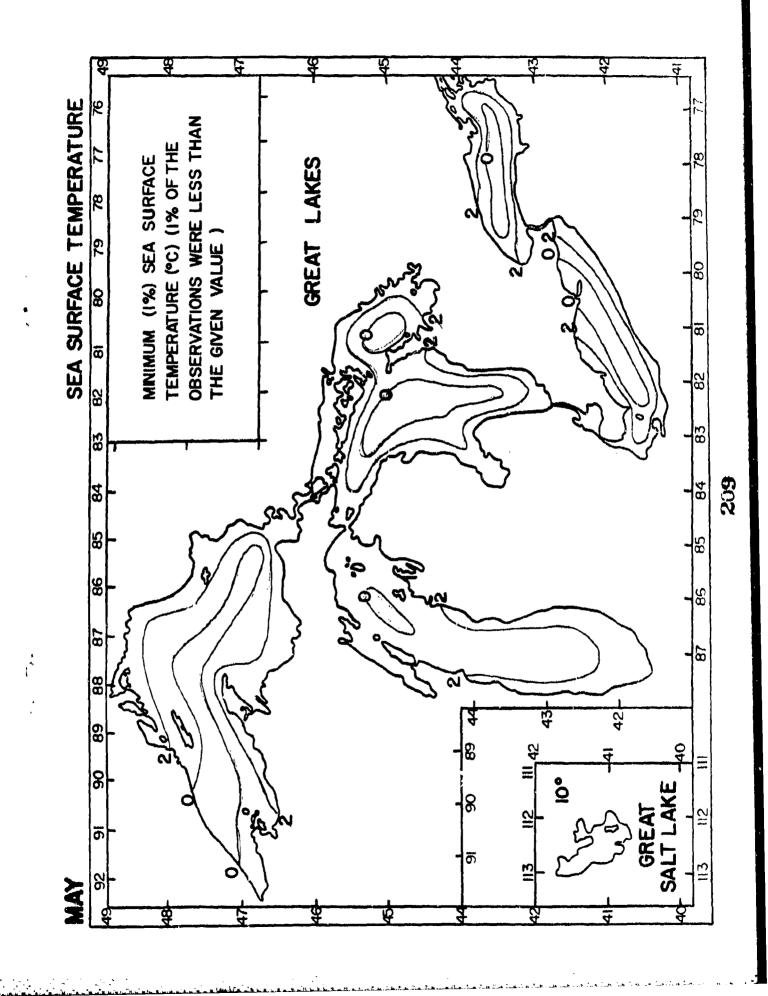


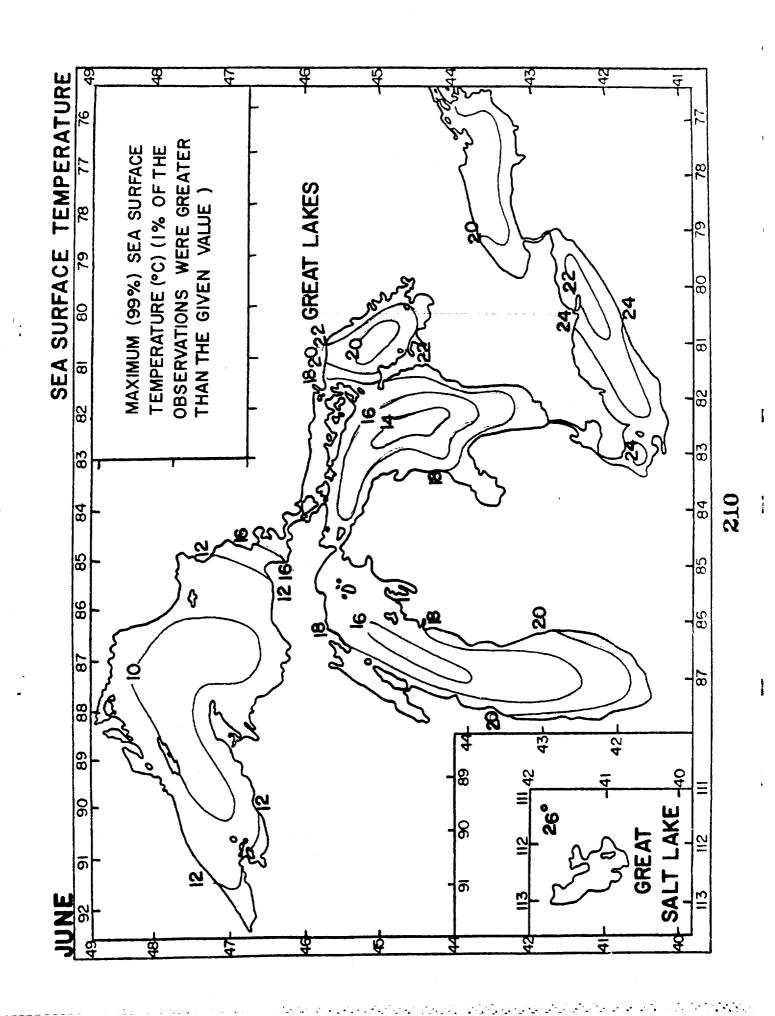


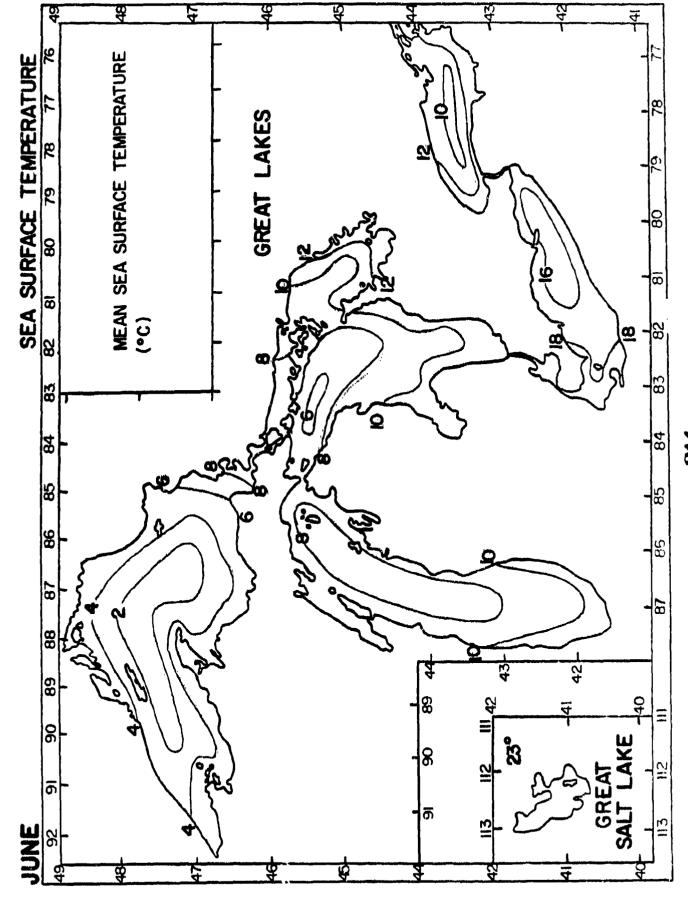


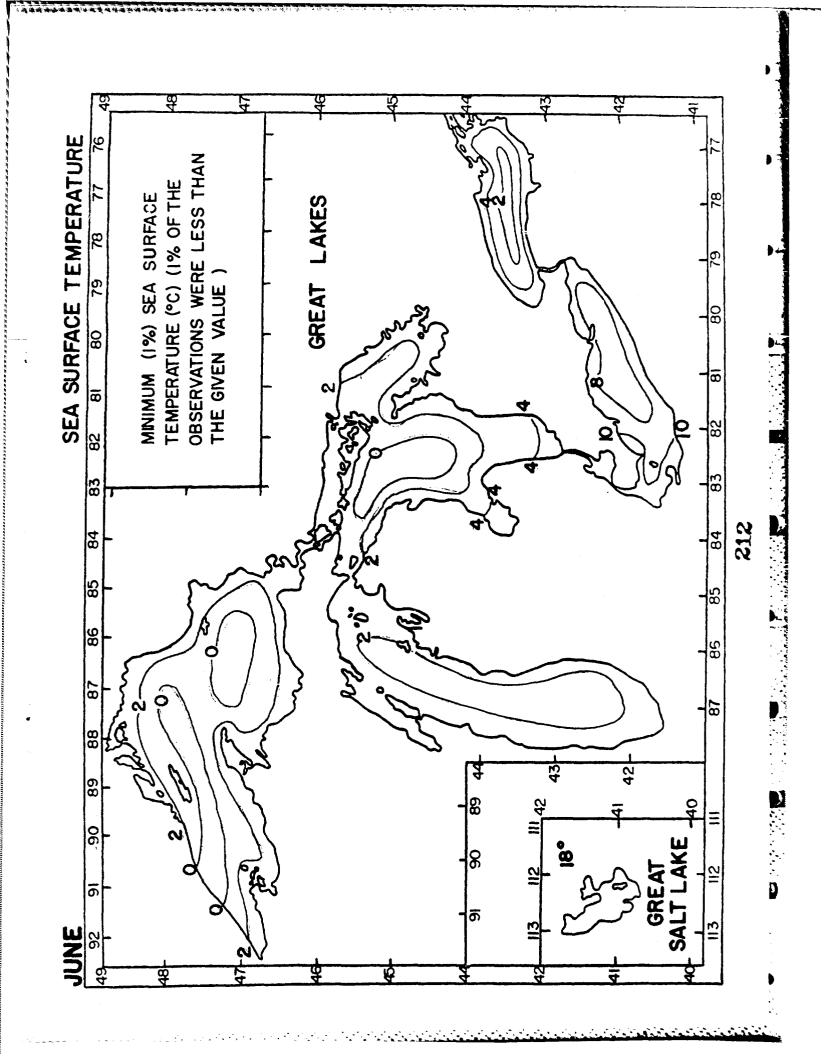


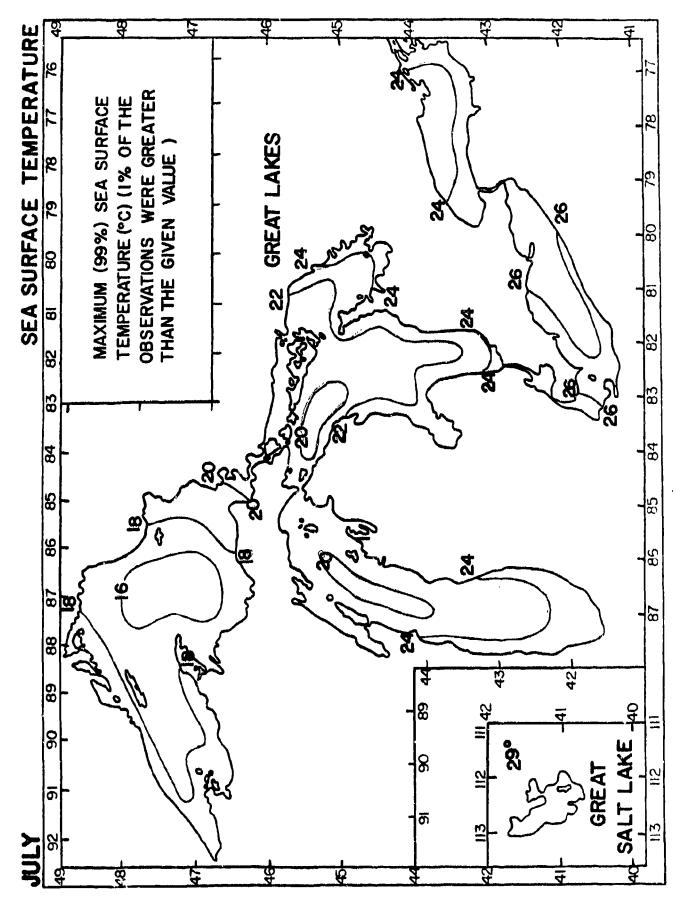


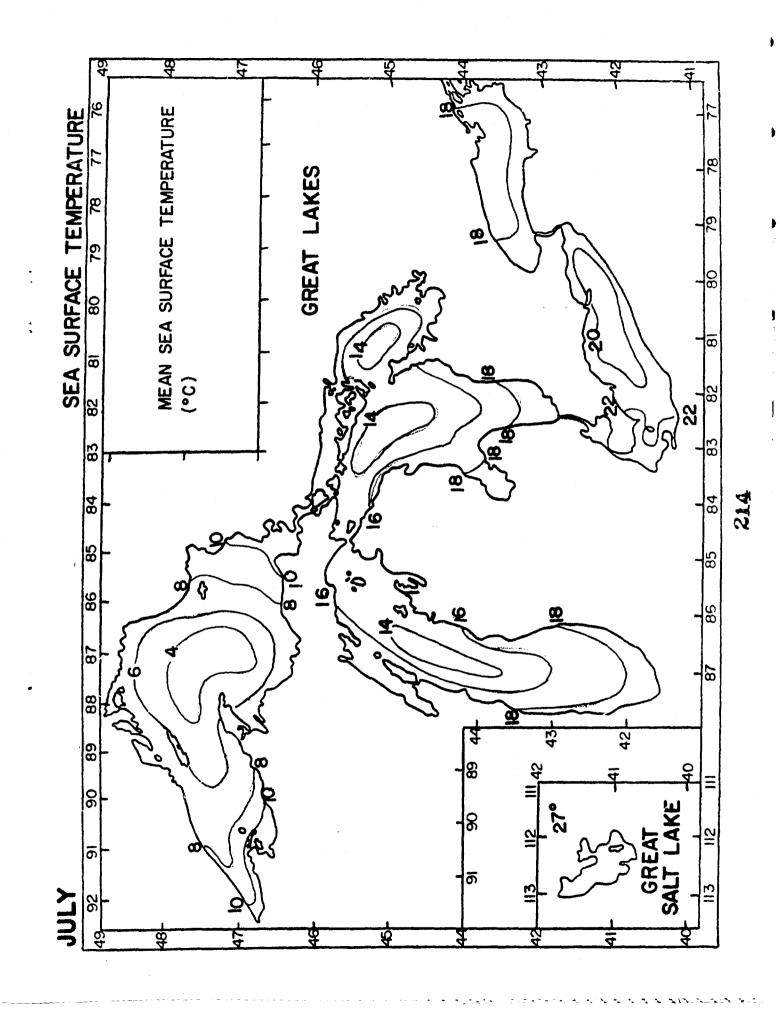


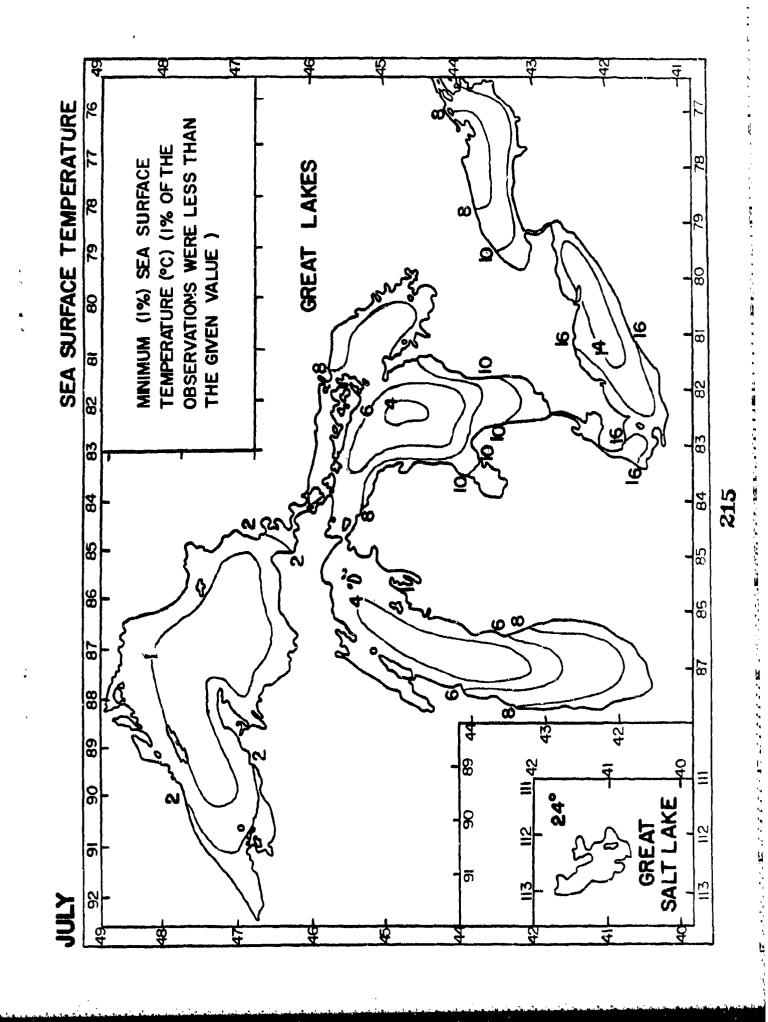


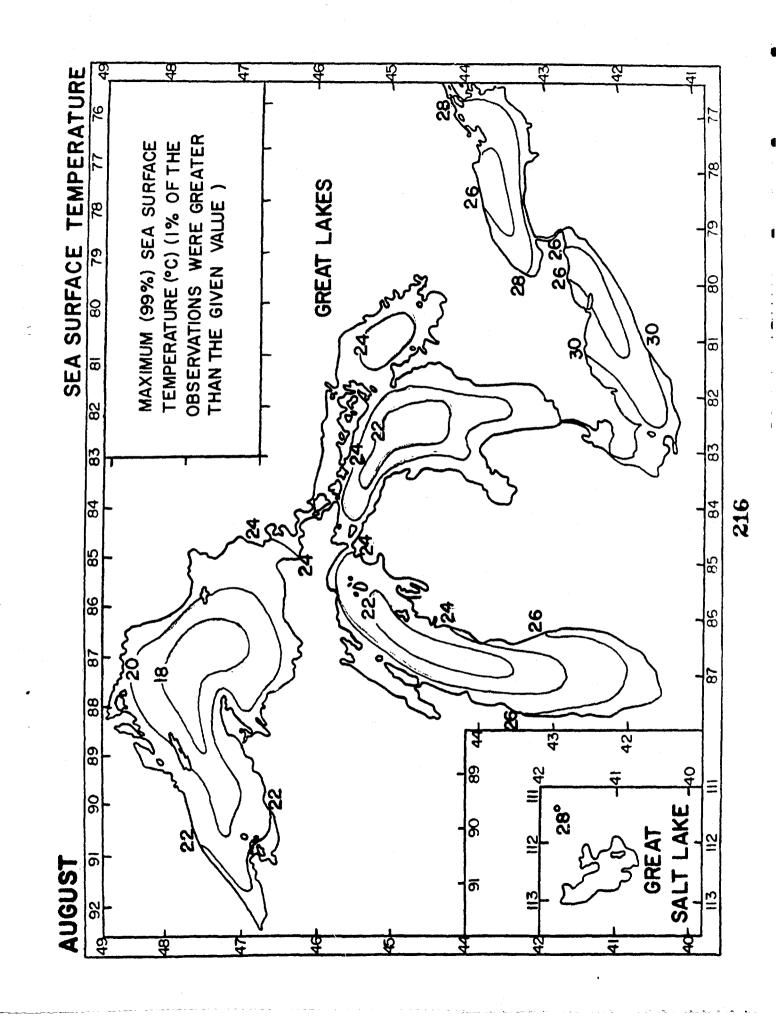


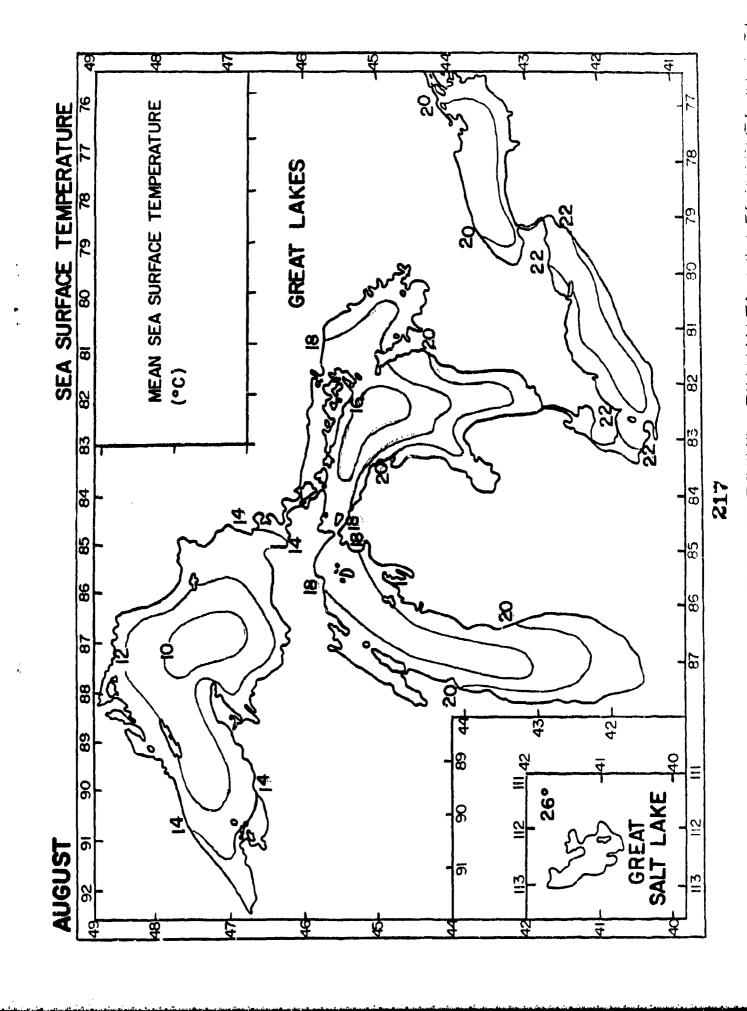


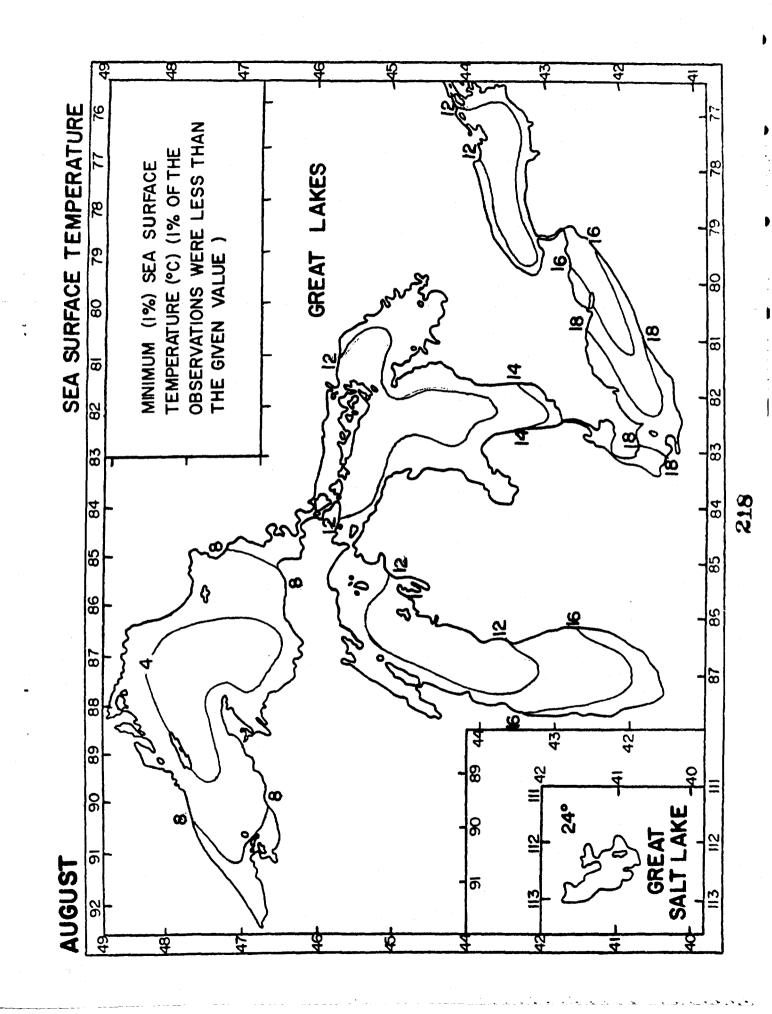


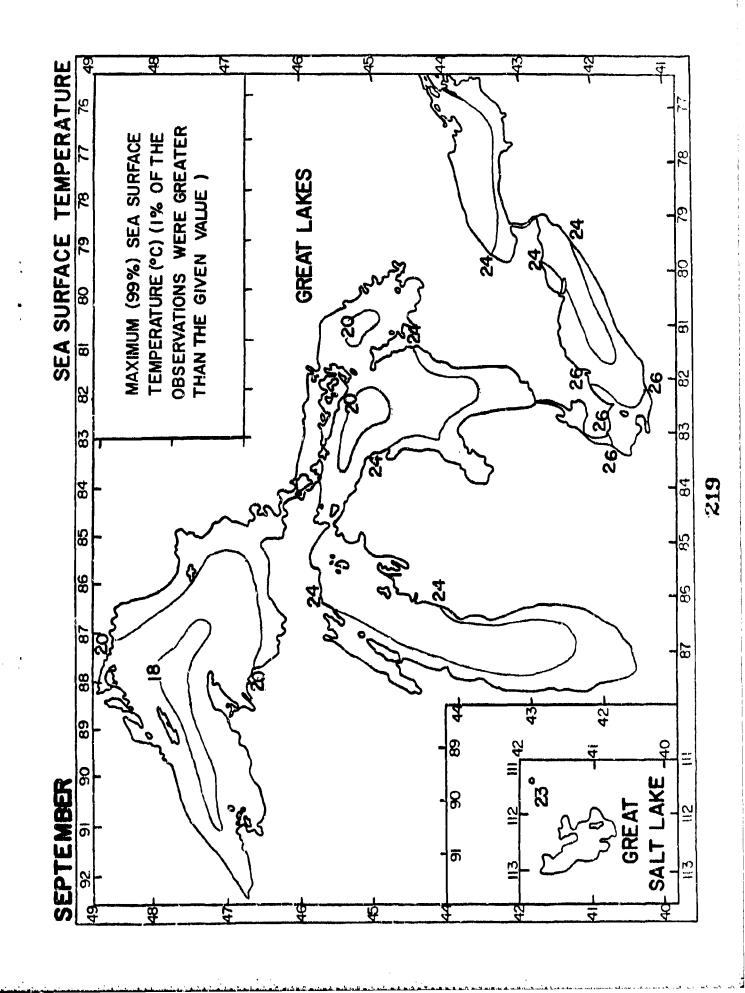


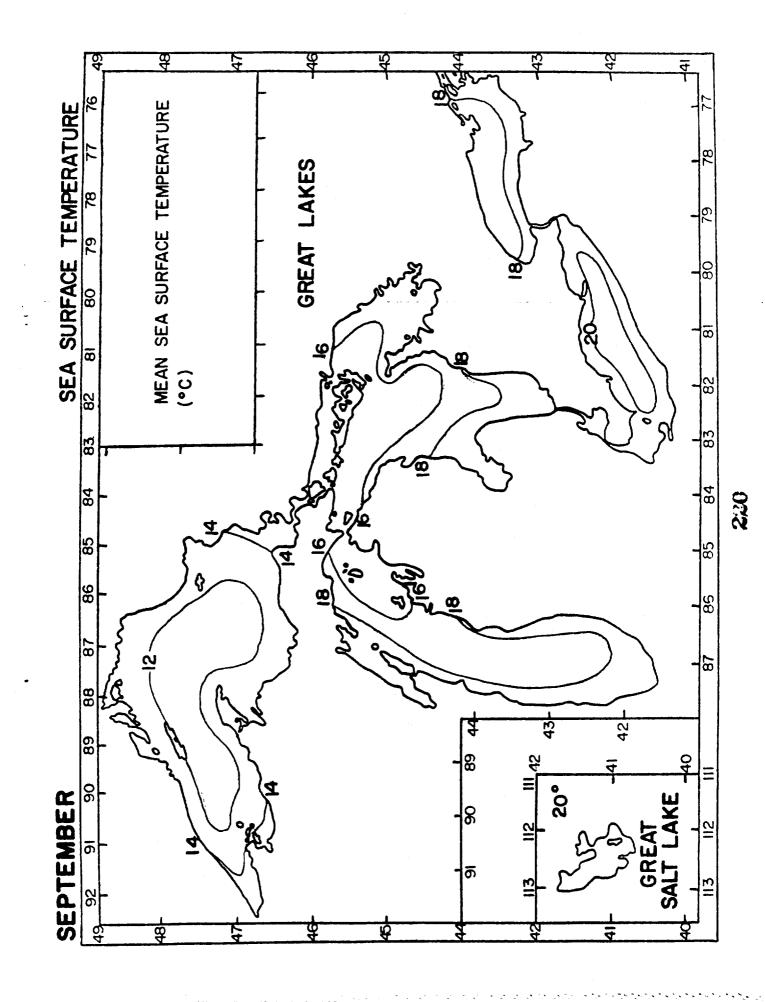


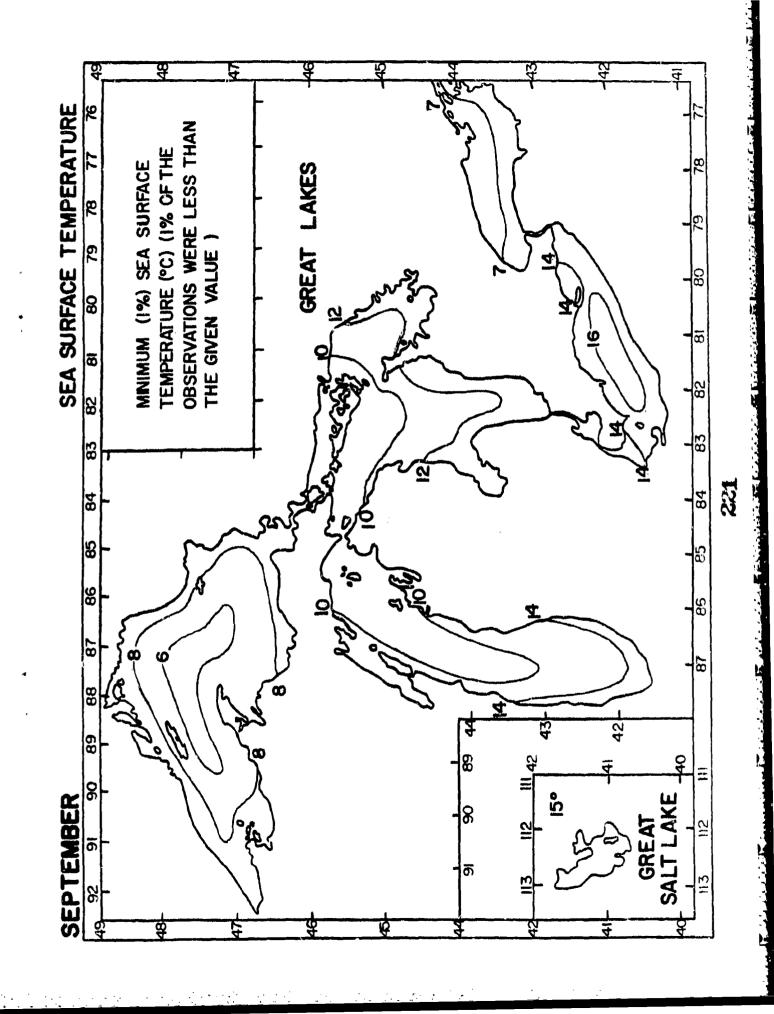


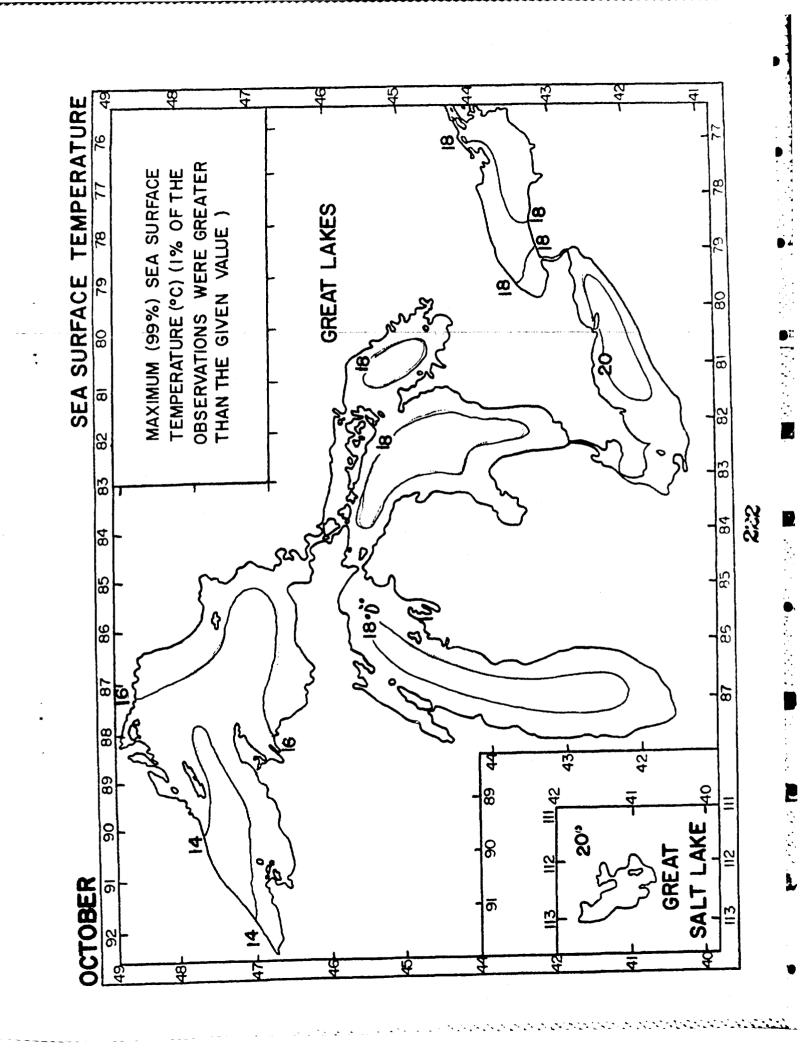


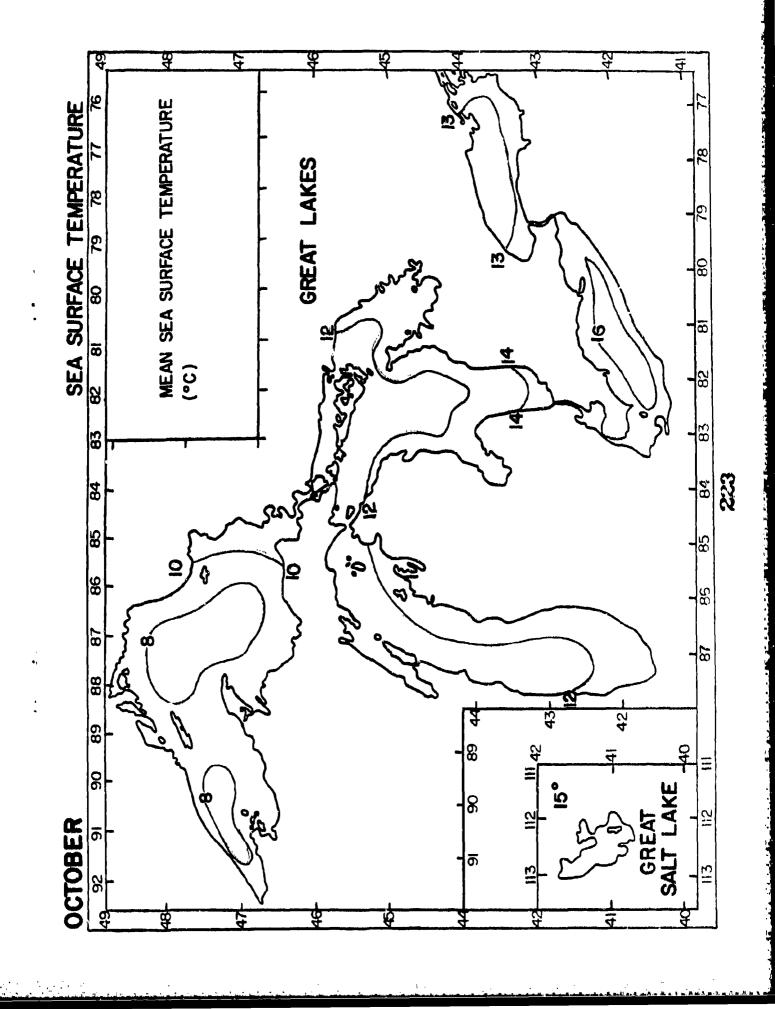


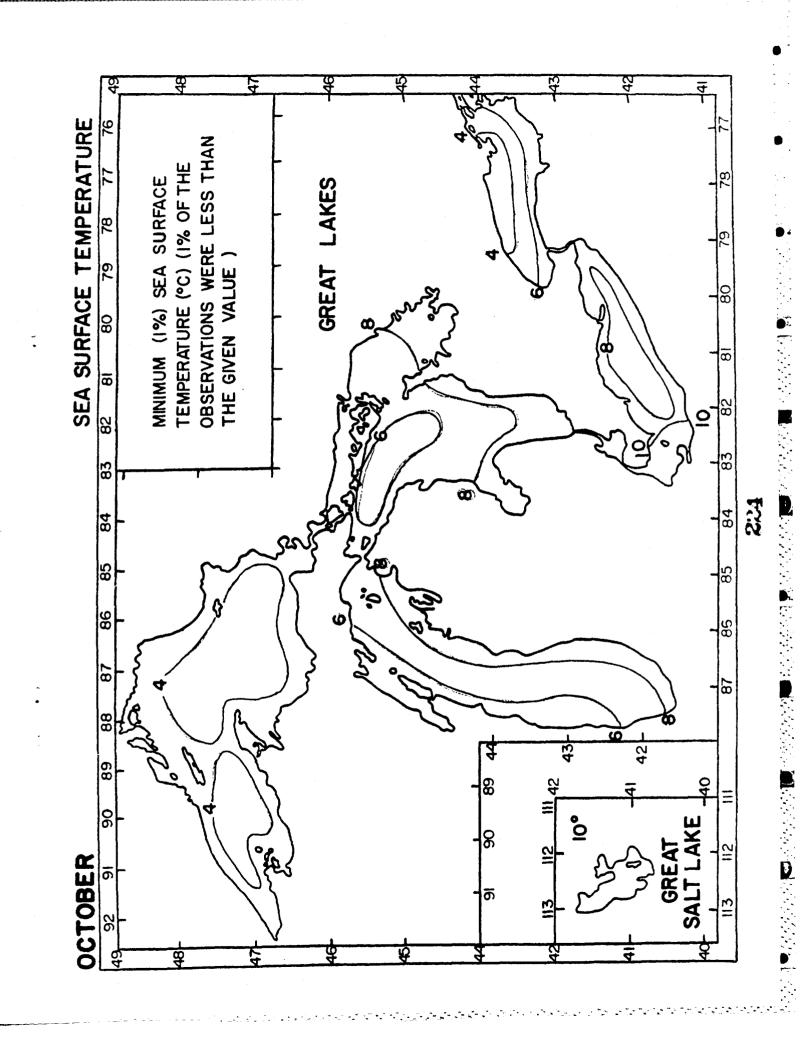


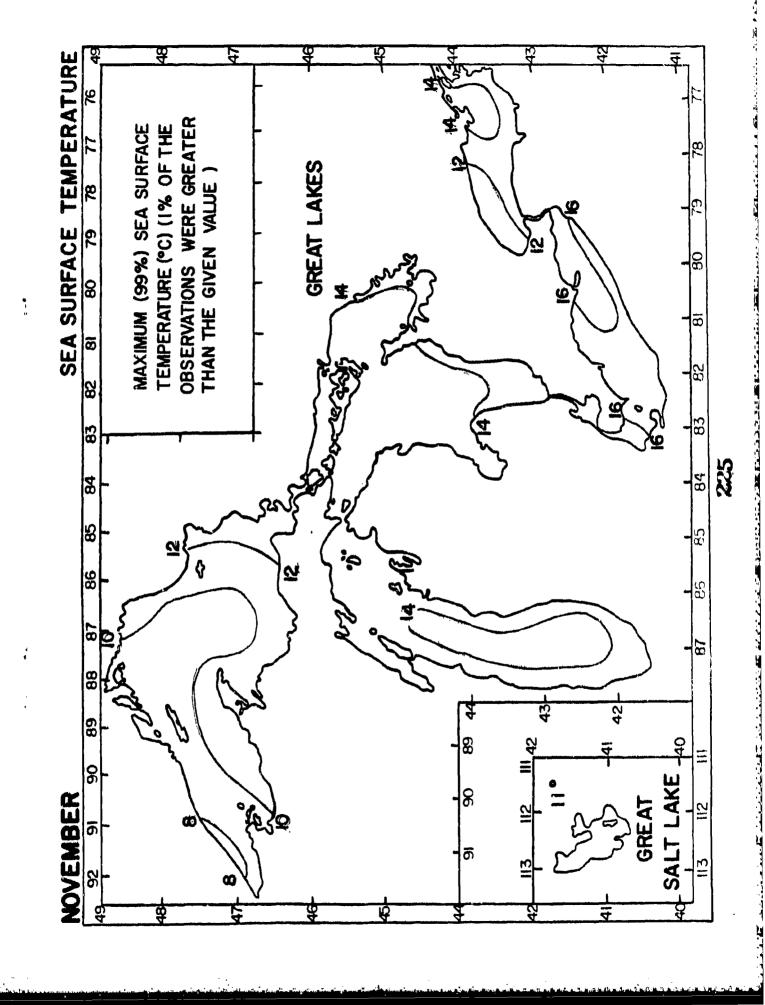


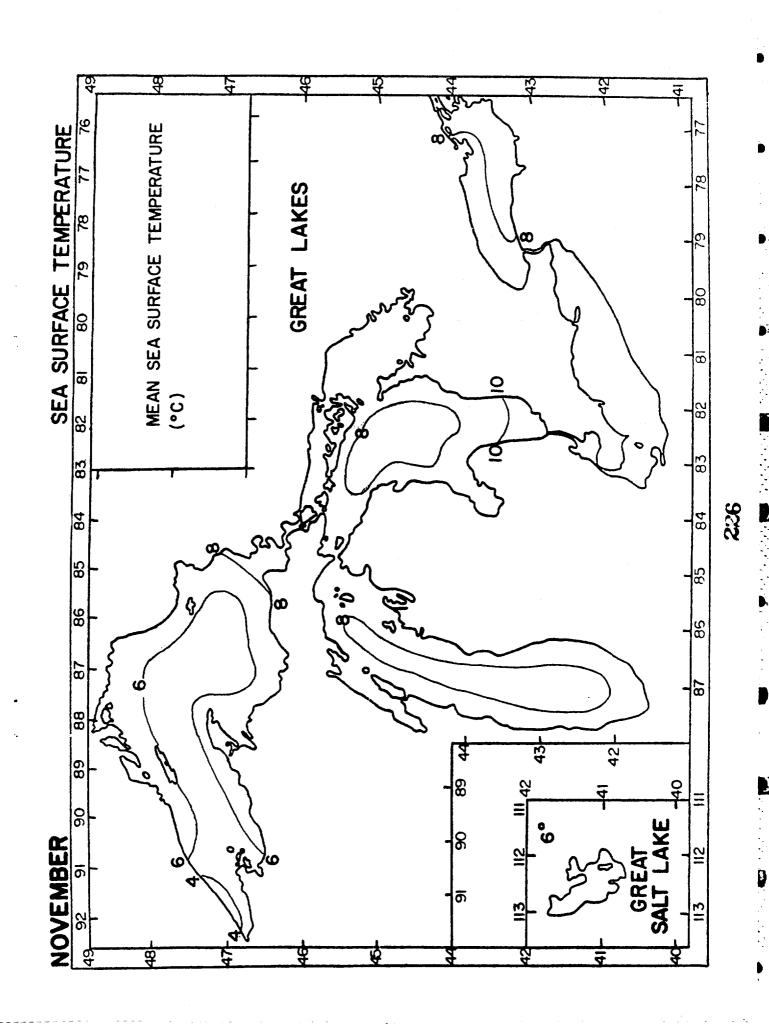


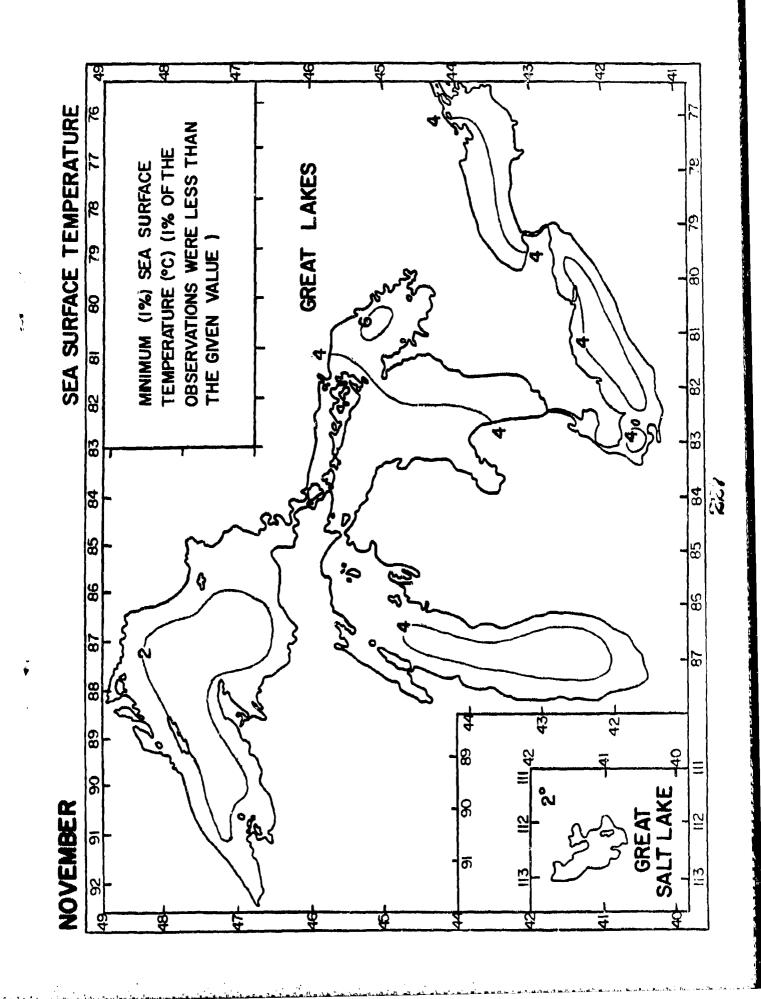


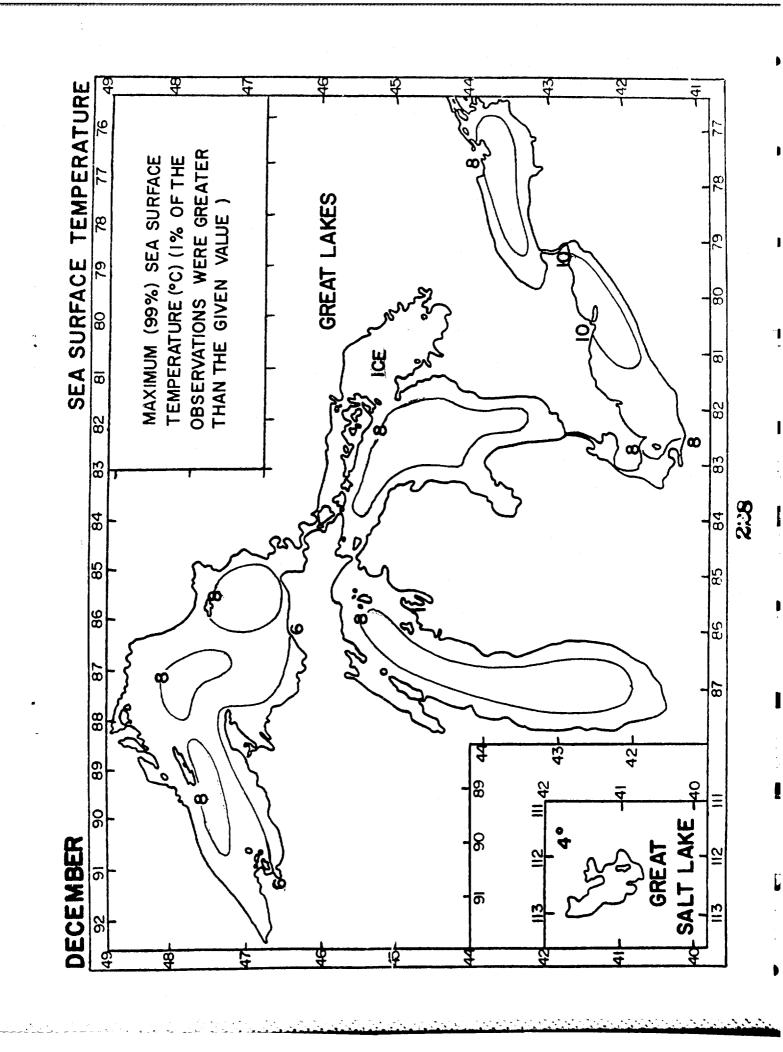


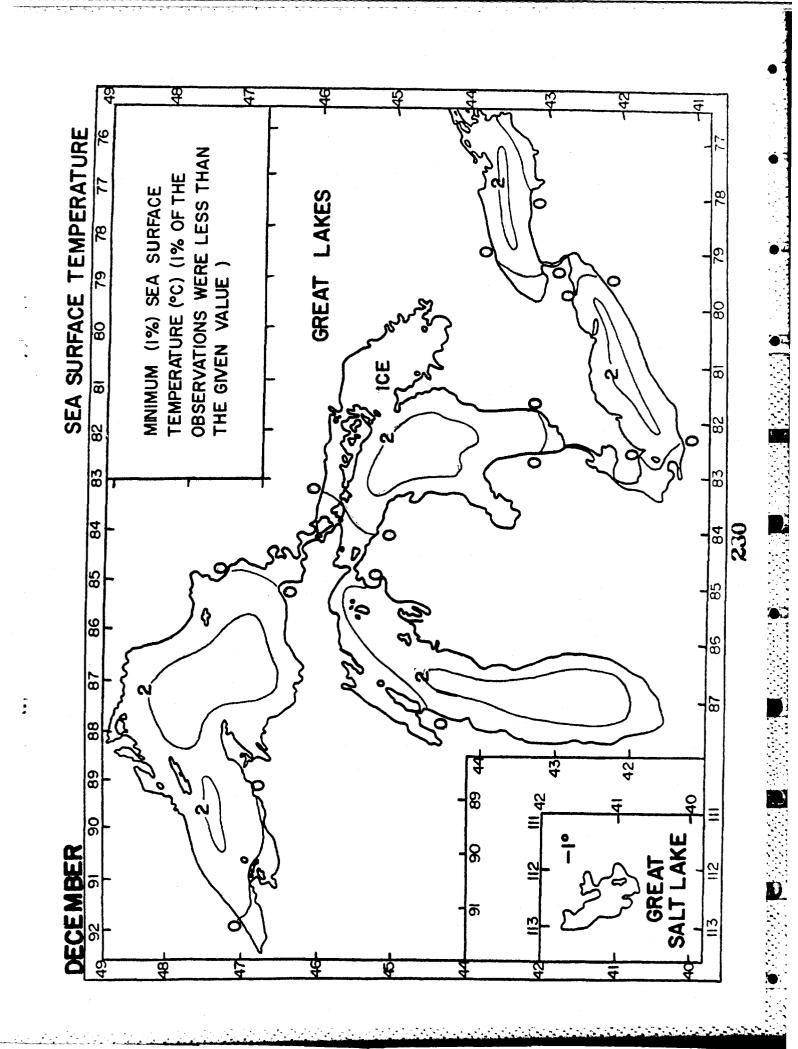




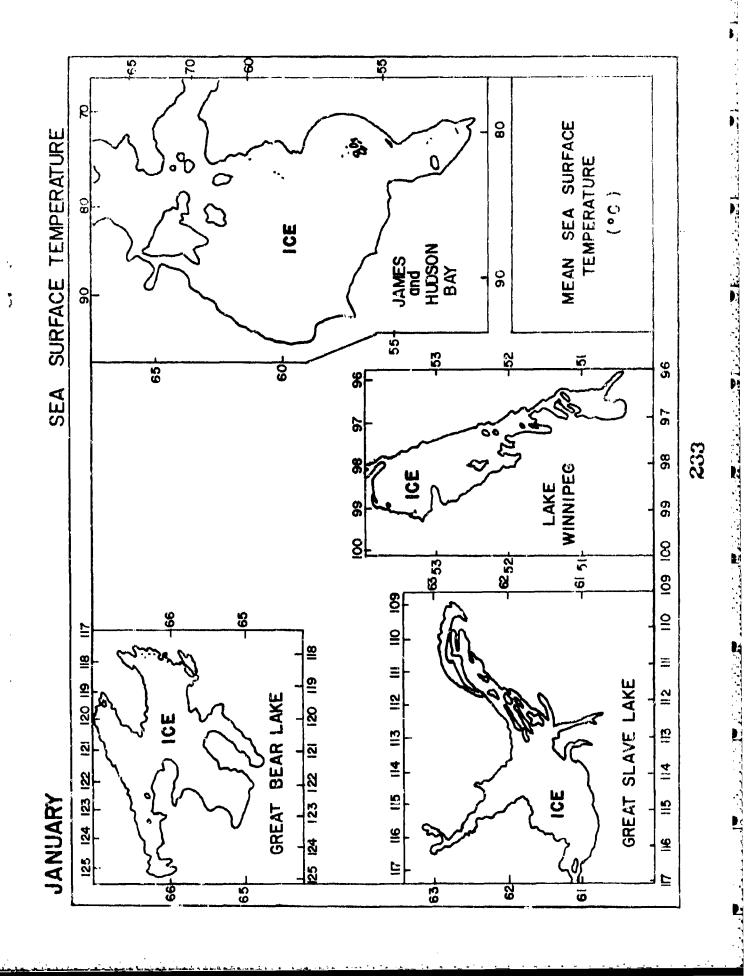








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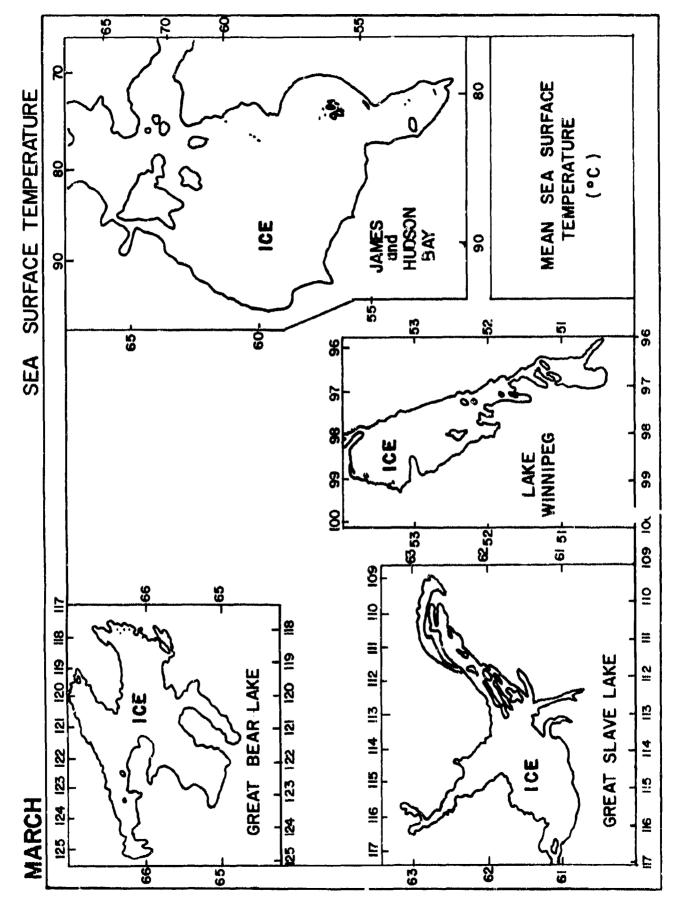


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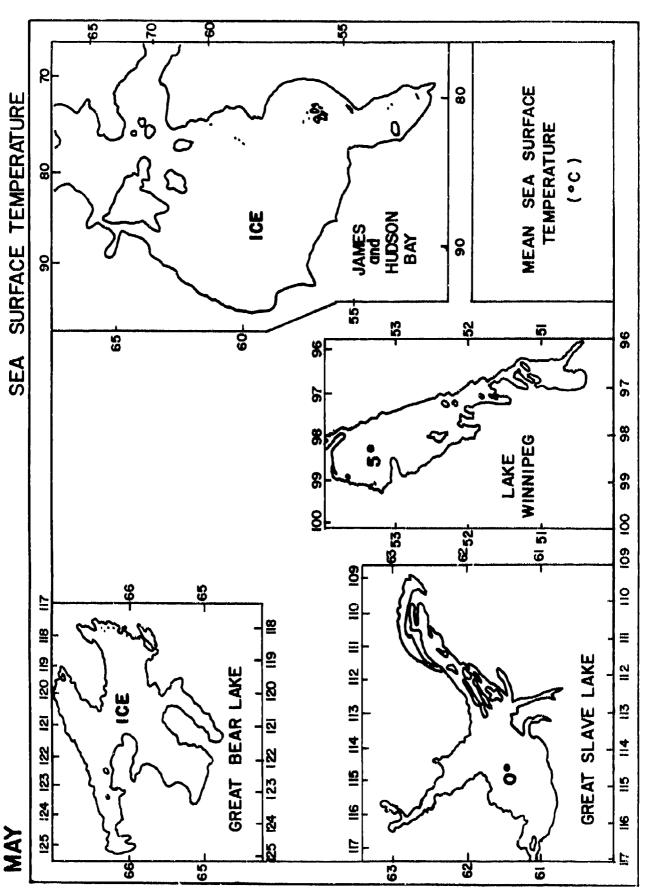
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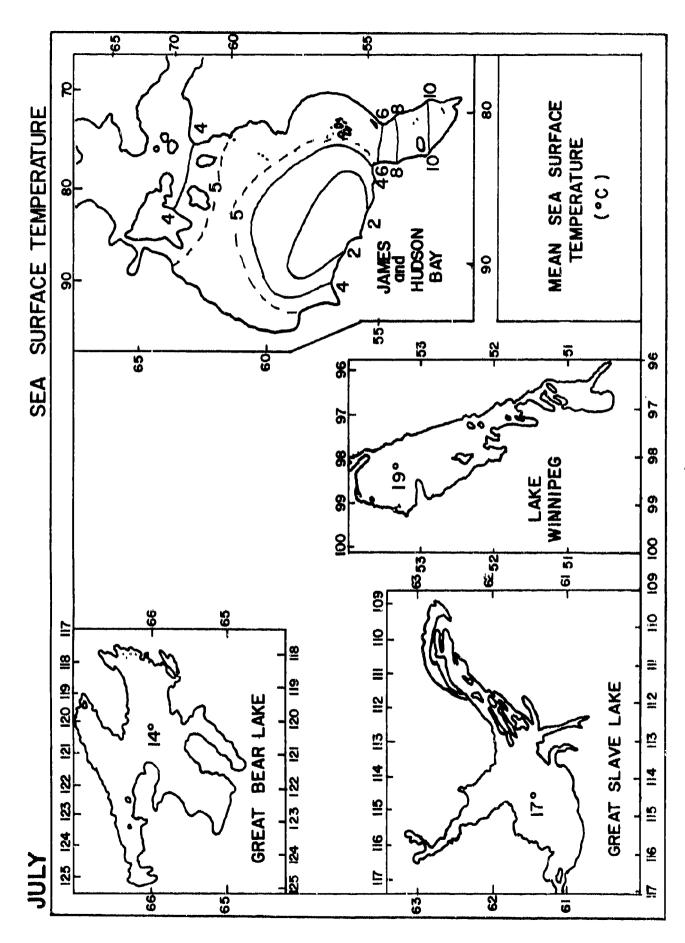
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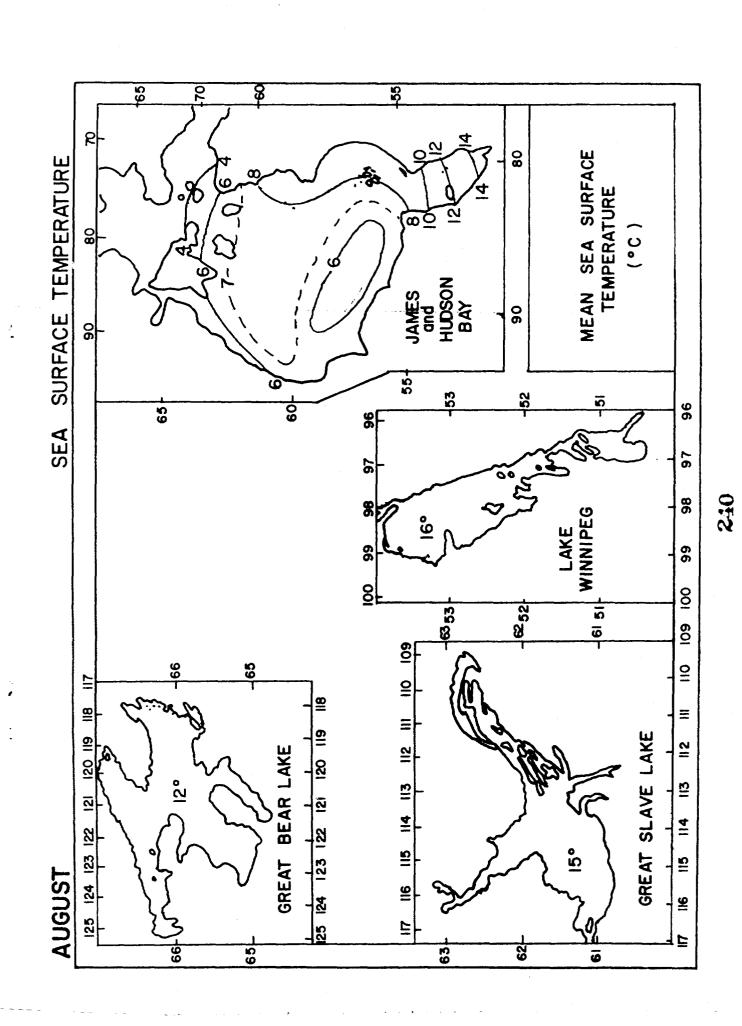
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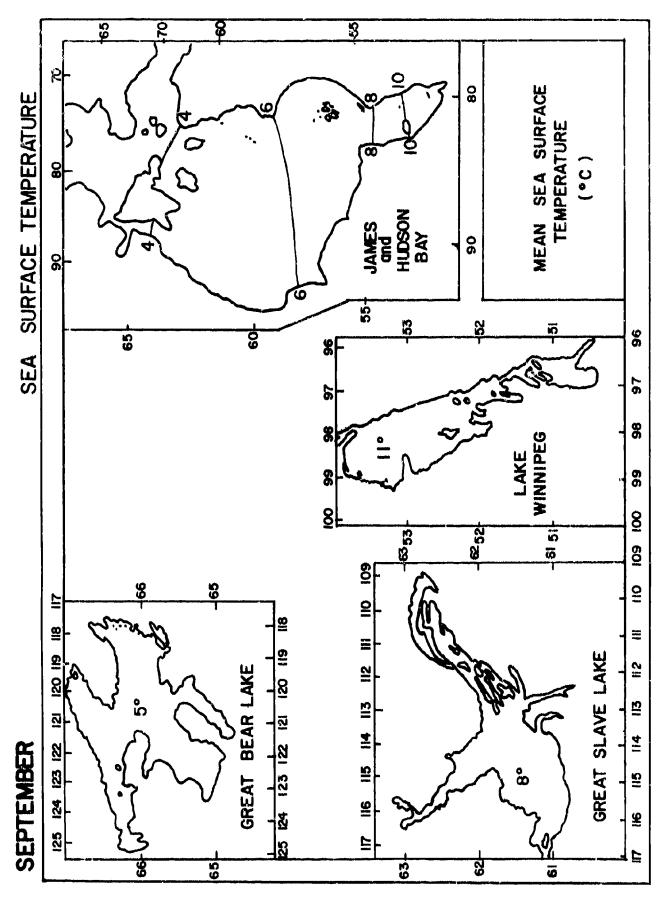
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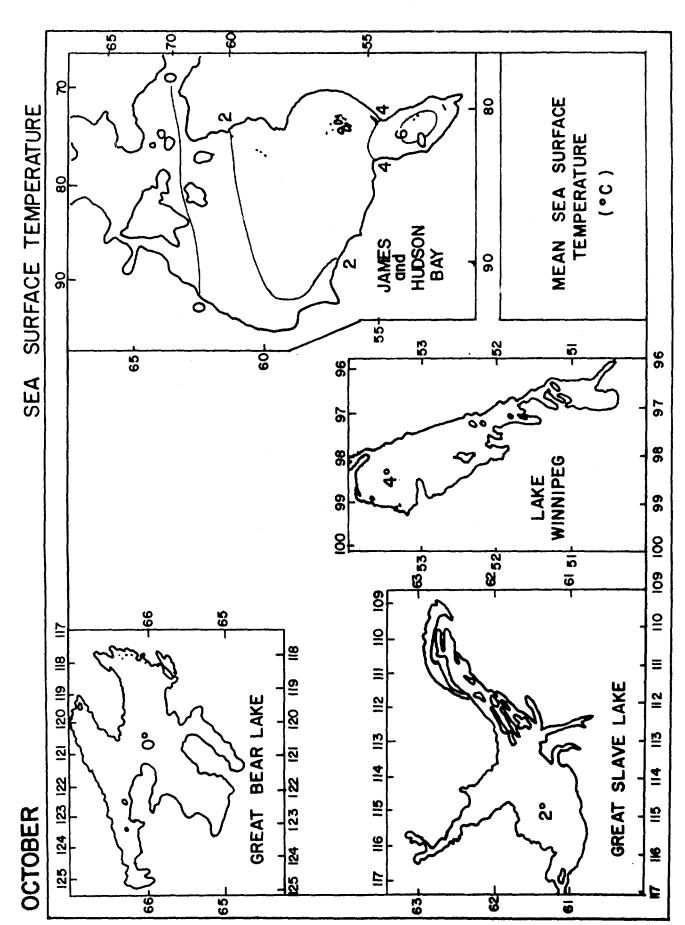


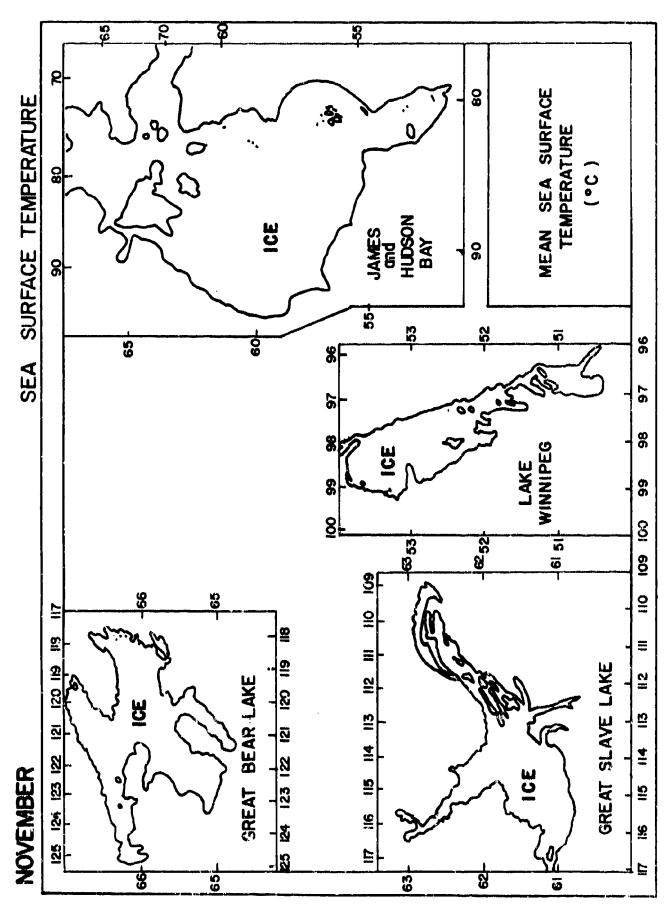
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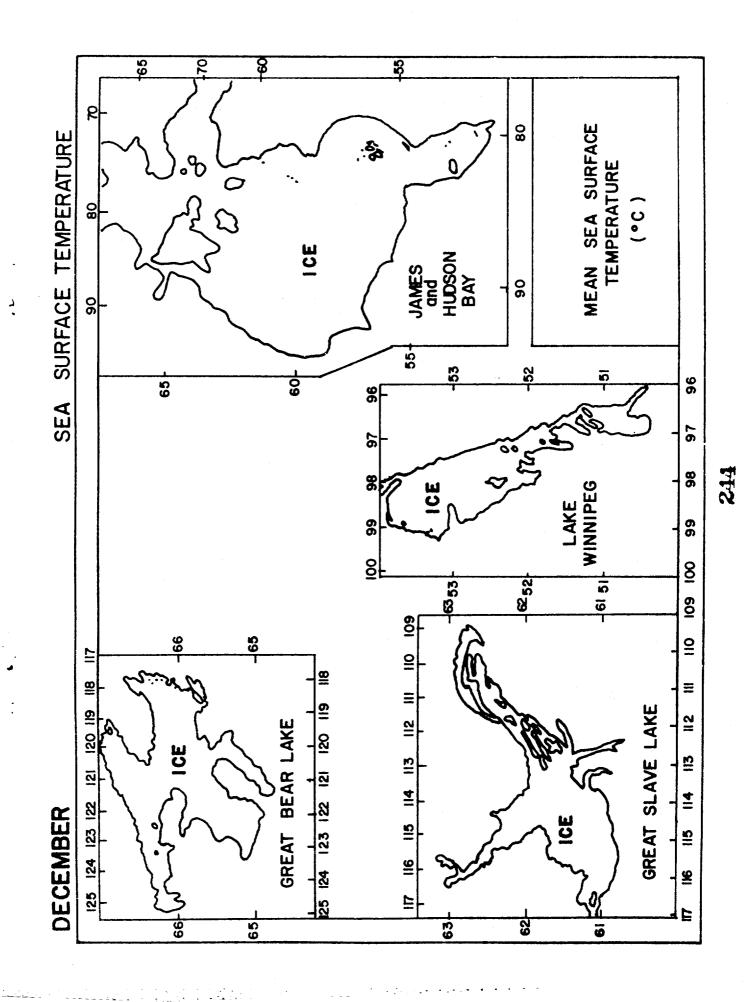


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